

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Lower Umpqua Hospital District  
Wednesday, June 27, 2018  
Hospital Conference Room  
7:30 AM

MINUTES

Those Board Members in attendance include Ron Kreskey, president, Leon Bridge, Karen Bedard, and Cheryl Young, and Tamara Szalewski. Others in attendance include Ryan Fowler, Lori Groves, Kimberly Howard, Dr. Jason Sargent, Dr. Richard Jany, Tara Blohm, Nancy Wood, Nora Rush, Rosa Solano, Steve Miller, hospital attorney, and Jamie Swafford.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION

President, Ron Kreskey, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and welcomed all attending.

II. VISITOR'S AGENDA – Ryan Fowler introduced Nancy Wood from Reedsport Medical Clinic and Nora Rush from the Business Office.

III. GUEST AGENDA – Joe Mark, interim CEO for PeaceHealth  
Joe Mark reported that a CEO has been hired for PeaceHealth. She has asked that Joe stay on as COO for the next three months while that position is being filled. Joe reported the he will concentrate on the project to provide health care to the university district area of downtown Eugene within the next 2-3 years. This project would renovate existing old buildings to provide 80 more community hospital beds. At times patients from Florence and Reedsport have to go to Portland when Riverbend is at capacity.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Board of Directors meeting minutes dated June 27, 2018
- B. Approval of July 2018 expenditures and authorization to set aside for August 2018 expenditures.

After discussion, **Tamara Szalewski moved to approve the consent agenda. Cheryl Young seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)**

V. CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Bay Eye Clinic

Discussion followed regarding the change in location for Bay Eye Clinic. Ryan reported that they will see patients at Reedsport Eye Clinic and continue to provide surgery at Lower Umpqua Hospital.

VI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Nursing Services Report – Tara Blohm  
Report accepted as submitted. No questions.

- B. Public Relations – Rosa Solano  
Rosa reported that the Care Wear sale will provide \$600 to the

Foundation. Rosa passed out medical ID lanyards that will be give-aways at Dunefest and other events this year. Glow-in-the-dark wrist bands will also be given to kids during Dunefest. This year, for the first time, the District has a booth at Dunefest. It will be manned during the entire event. National Night Out is August 7<sup>th</sup> and will be at Lion's Park. The Health Fair is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at the community building. Lee Bridge reported that he's hearing compliments around the community for the work the District's team did during Christmas in July. Ron Kreskey read a list of the people who participated as part of the District's team. He expressed kudos and thanks for the projects that were completed this year.

- C. Finance Committee – Lee Bridge  
Nothing to add to the minutes. No questions.
  
- D. Planning Committee – Tamara Szalewski  
Ron Kreskey asked for more information about WageWatch. Lori Groves reported that WageWatch is 20-25 local hospitals that provide information about their wage scales. Lori chooses the five that are most comparable (25 or fewer beds) to LUH when she requests stats. If those five don't list all the positions that are needed, she will add five more hospitals (49 or fewer beds) to the list.
  
- E. Quality Assurance Committee – Cheryl Young  
Nothing to add to the minutes. No questions.
  
- F. Medical Staff –Dr. Jason Sargent or Dr. Richard Jany  
Dr. Sargent reported that there was no Medical Staff meeting in July. He reported that the medical staff is excited about the possibility of adding Dr. Guha to the internal medicine clinic in 2019. Ryan reported that another candidate is under consideration to work IM until Dr. Guha is available.
  
- G. Financials – Lori Groves  
Lori reported that the preliminary end of year report is ready. June bills are still coming in and may require some adjustments. The provider tax needs to be paid – it will be an “in” and “out” budget item. The actuarial malpractice report and necessary funding for those costs, plus the license issue, and repayment to Medicare all helped to push the District off budget. Patient days were down, but the ER was very busy. This fiscal year is starting out strong. The budget updates have been put off until after union negotiations. The District is on track for the new insurance/benefits package to begin August 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed regarding the new library district. Lori reported that the new district cost LUHD \$60,000, which was known and already accounted in the budget. Discussion followed regarding DFHC providers not hitting the Medicare requirements for cost report reimbursement (14 patients per day). Discussion followed regarding using scribes to help providers enter information into the EMR. Lori

reported that a provider would need to see 7-8 more patients per day to cover the cost of a scribe.

H. Administration – Ryan Fowler

Ryan reported that a new service is being added: ABI - Ankle Brachial Index. Patients needing this test have been sent out in the past, which meant losing some of those patients to treatment at out of town facilities. Discussion followed regarding the lab analyzer. Ryan reported that the old analyzer has been overhauled by Siemens and seems to be working much better. The District is still discussing the possibility of trading for a newer analyzer.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UFCW Negotiations

Ryan reported that union negotiations are taking longer than expected. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

B. Master Heights

The lots have been reduced in price. Ryan reported that he called the real estate agent for the owner to find out if he plans to advertise the property someplace other than MLS. The District's lot is not listed at this time.

C. State Survey

No word from the state about our report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lower Umpqua Hospital Board of Directors Annual Meeting

1. Election of Officers
2. Committee Assignments
3. Conflict of Interest Statements
4. Board Evaluations

After discussion, **Karen moved to keep the slate of officers as 2017-2018, with the same committee positions. Cheryl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0).**

Board members were asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement and Board Evaluation and turn them in to Jamie. Ron Kreskey reminded the members that two boards – the LUH Foundation and the Auxiliary both are missing a representative from the LUH board. He asked LUH board members to consider serving one or the other.

B. Annual Report from the Auxiliary

Discussion followed regarding the Auxiliary. The board expressed gratitude for all the work the Auxiliary does for the District. Ryan reported that the Auxiliary is looking for new faces. They always need volunteers. Discussion followed regarding the vein finder that the Auxiliary helped purchase. Ryan expressed kudos to the nurses. They asked if they could get a vein finder and said that they had enough of

their own money to pay about 1/3 of the cost. They were encouraged to ask the Foundation and Auxiliary to help with the remaining cost, since it was not a budgeted item. They were able to find all the funding needed, with the help of the Foundation and Auxiliary, and purchased the machine.

C. Capital Requests

1. HVAC System for Surgery

Ryan reported that two HVAC systems need to be replaced this year, the OR HVAC and the ED HVAC system. The OR system is having issues keeping humidity levels where required. After discussion, **Cheryl Young moved to replace one of the two required HVAC systems this month. Lee Bridge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (5-0)**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Board President, Ron Kreskey adjourned the board into executive session at 8:19 am.**

192.660. (1) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 do not prevent the governing body of a public body from holding executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting, after the presiding officer has identified the authorization under ORS 192.610 to 192.690 for holding the executive session.

(2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session:

(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Board president, Ron Kreskey, adjourned the board back into public session at 9:20 AM. No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.

APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of AUGUST, 2018

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Ronald Kreskey, President

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Leon Bridge, Secretary