

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Lower Umpqua Hospital District (LUHD)

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Via Conference Call

Call Ext. 1300 from inside the district - or -

541-319-2160 from outside the district

Pin code 460506

7:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Those Board Members in attendance include Ron Kreskey, president, Leon Bridge, Cheryl Young, and Karen Bedard. Others in attendance include Ryan Fowler, Rosa Solano, Tara Blohm, Holly Tavernier, Lori Groves, Mary Chambers, Jennifer Aldrich, Kammy Rose, and Jamie Swafford.

## I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION

Board president, Ron Kreskey, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

## II. VISITOR'S AGENDA – No visitors.

## III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Board of Directors meeting minutes dated May 27, 2020

B. Approval of June 2020 expenditures and authorization to set aside for July expenditures

A. Medical Staff privileges:

1. Direct Radiology-Schedule 1

**Cheryl Young moved to approve the consent agenda. Karen Bedard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)**

## IV. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Nursing Services Report – Tara Blohm

Tara reported participating in state and local calls weekly regarding Covid-19. Sandy Teeters reports to two entities daily or twice daily. Discussion followed regarding the rules for testing in Aidan. Ryan reported that they are responsible for their own testing. The tests are processed through our lab. Tara reported that three newly graduated RN's were hired, but, one decided to go elsewhere. One RN is still being sought. Discussion followed regarding the District being able to test for Covid in-house. The machine has been ordered, but, is on back order. Reedsport is considered to be a low-risk area and is low on the list of priority places to send the machines. The supplies have arrived, but the machine is still a couple of weeks out. Discussion followed regarding the timing of implementing the new ICU pumps. Ryan reported that a new in-patient pharmacist has been hired. Once he's familiar with our systems, he will be able to finish programming the ICU machines. Discussion followed regarding SWOCC's nursing program. Tara reported that SWOCC is using the smaller critical access hospitals for training new RN's. Discussion followed regarding preparing for holiday weekends. Additional staffing will be available. Tara reported that visitors to the dunes have kept the ER busy, with numerous traumas.

B. Public Relations – Rosa Solano

Rosa reported that Holly was able to procure shoe insoles for from Mega Cares for

our employees. The Physical Therapy department has made a series of videos for housebound elderly population to exercise at home. Discussion followed regarding the loss of the Umpqua Post and District advertising during the pandemic. Rosa reported that the District purchased the back page of the graduation issue of the World and used photos of employee children/grandchildren in the ad. Rosa reported that the pharmacy has new hours. No date has been set for giving out the Beacon awards. The Foundation board will be deciding the winners at their next meeting.

C. Finance Committee – Lee Bridge

Lee expressed kudos to Ryan and Lori for putting together the funding that is helping the District survive during the pandemic.

D. Planning Committee – Tamara Szalewski

Karen expressed appreciation for the tour of the new building between the meetings. She expressed appreciation for the job done by the plant ops crew.

E. Medical Staff –Dr. Richard Jany

The medical staff are in training this morning.

F. Financials – Lori Groves

Lori reported that May was improved over April, with only a \$100,000 loss. Bringing the loss for the year to \$1.3-million. She reported receiving approval from the auditors to capture the funds from HHS Cares Act to help make up for lost revenue. Lori will send the board updated financial statements once the funds have been booked. Lori reported that the SBA PPP funds will have a 5-year term for the pay back. The District will meet the requirements to be able to be forgiven a large part of the loan. Lori is working with Umpqua Bank to prepare the paperwork to be submitted.

G. Administration – Ryan Fowler

Ryan reported that some changes have been made to the clinics. The Walk-In Clinic is closed and is planned to re-open in the Reedsport Medical Clinic. Dunes Family Health Care is able to take in same-day or next-day appointments – but, can't accommodate walk-ins. Felisha Miller, NP, has been moved to Dunes Family Health Care. The surgeons remain at Reedsport Medical Clinic. The patients of retired providers Dr. Jacques, Dr. Harris, and Dr. Petrofes, are being transferred to new providers. Ryan reported discussions with Dr. Tersigni regarding re-starting the cataract surgery program at LUH. Talks have also resumed with Dr. Amsden regarding bringing pain management back to Reedsport. Discussion followed regarding internal medicine and the difficulty recruiting IM as primary care. Ryan reported that patient load will be re-evaluated after the Meditech implementation to decide if more providers need to be recruited. Ryan reported that the old HVAC system was replaced. All of the equipment is on the roof and weighs less than the old system. The units that were located near the Walk-in Clinic have been removed.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Covid-19 Report

Ryan reported that Douglas County is in Phase 2. Information regarding the pandemic change daily. Discussion followed regarding re-starting the surgery program. Ryan reported that the District doesn't have enough PPE to be able to fully open surgery.

The District's suppliers will only allow the District to order the same amount of PPE now as was being ordered historically prior to Covid-19. Unfortunately, the District is using considerably more PPE because of Covid. The District is attempting to build up its stock of PPE in order to be able to fully open surgery in the near future.

B. Meditech Report

Ryan reported that the District is on track to implement the new E.H.R. on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The only thing that could delay the implementation is the inability to drop a bill for services rendered. Meditech is working to fix the issue. Lori will be testing billing from beginning of services to end this week.

C. Progress on Methodist Church Property

The new office space is almost ready. The Business Office staff and Family Resource Center have all moved to their new location. The board committee meetings were held in the conference room last week because the conference rooms in the hospital are set up for Meditech training. The board members who attended those meetings were given a tour of the facility. Ryan reported that about 20 employees will be moved to the new building.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.

APPROVED THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> day of JULY 2020

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Ronald Kreskey, President

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Leon Bridge, Secretary