

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Lower Umpqua Hospital District (LUHD)  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Main Conference Room or  
Via Teams audio conference call  
Dial: 1-323-694-9833  
Audio conference ID: 124 229 680#



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## MINUTES

The board members in attendance include Cheryl Young, Vice Chair, Leon Bridge, Treasurer, Karen Bedard, Secretary with Ron Kreskey, Chair on the phone.

Excused: Brenda Fraley, Director

Others in attendance include Stephanie Miller, John Chivers, Melissa Cribbins, Hospital attorney, Dr. Jason Sargent, Ken Landau, Jennifer Green, Jen Levy, Julia Floyd, Renae Mefferd, Kaley Sweet, and Mary Chambers.

Those employees and members of the public joining by phone include Brenda Sievers, Deanna Prater, Rhiannon Manicke, Kristi Kaufman.

I. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

II. **VISITOR'S AGENDA**

No visitors.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA – Approve the following:**

A. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda August 28, 2024,

B. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 24, 2024

C. Resolution 24-12 authorization to set aside for September 2024 expenditures

D. Committee Minutes:

1. CQC Committee Minutes - June 5, 2024

2. ASP Committee Minutes – May 30, 2024

3. Health & Safety Committee Minutes – May 29, 2024

4. TTRC Minutes – June 12, 2024

5. Swing Bed Committee Minutes – June 29, 2024

6. VAT Committee Minutes - May 22, 2024

7. Grievance Committee Minutes - June 11, 2024

8. Planning Committee Minutes - July 17, 2024

9. Financial Advisory Committee Minutes - July 23, 2024

E. Medical Staff Credentialing

After discussion, Board member Karen Bedard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Leon Bridge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4 - 0).

IV. **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

A. Quality/Risk Report – Julia Floyd

1. See report.

2. Correction = Grievances are for July and not May.
- B. Compliance Report – Renae Mefferd
1. See report.
- C. Nursing Services Report – Jennifer Green
1. See report.
  2. Heli unable to land at dunes due to fog.
- D. Medical Staff – Dr. Jason Sargent
1. See report.
  2. Sports physicals completed at the school – 74 + 6 in the office
  3. Hospitalists – telehealth obtain feedback from the medical staff.
  4. Dunes – MA changes and transitions; actively training new and travelers who are helping with front office side;
- E. Public Relations/Foundation – Kaley Sweet
1. See report.
  2. Partners in Care – mailed to the community last Friday
  3. Ad placed in the ‘Aging’ insert published by The World
  4. Toast of South Coast awards– voting starts Sept 4<sup>th</sup>
- F. Ancillary Services – Jen Levy
1. See report.
  2. Bone Density testing (DEXA) is not currently provided; we require new equipment; however, Sierra Stone is a certified technician and able to perform. This is something we want to bring back.
- G. Finance Report and Financials – Ken Landau
1. See notes and reports.
  2. Question – please explain how we achieve a ‘profitable month’ with cash on hand going down. Cash on hand is a measure of collections and is a lagging indicator, whereas profitability is immediate and based on revenue generated – our charges.
- H. Administrator Report – John Chivers
1. See report and attached letter.
  2. Question – what types of credentials does John Jones have? We do not have his resume at this time.
  3. Mammography – since our machine is not functioning we have no mammography services at this time.
  4. ERTC credit –On Aug 8<sup>th</sup> the IRS Commissioner testified before Congress that they are processing claims for the period of our submission, so we are hopeful that we will receive \$3.2M by year end.
  5. Letter to Sen. Dick Anderson about payor credentialing- Blue Cross, Moda, United Health – the big ones making the big profits do not observe the submission date; we have to be cautious about scheduling patient appointments.

6. COVID – two new departments with precautions - dietary and IT - now have mandatory masking which includes daily testing for staff which catches spread from asymptomatic staff.
7. Comments from Ron – 1.) masking – national study about effectiveness during the pandemic and was extremely effective [80%] to prevent spread. 2.) He attended Dick Anderson/Boomer Wright Townhall – bad experience – hostile attendees/environment; didn't talk about issues; Ron's comments were the only positive delivered; it was very political, 30-40 attendees.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Request – approve

1. Cybersecurity – (Ken Landau)

After discussion, Board member Bridge moved to approve the Capital Request as presented for Cybersecurity firewall software for \$27,665 which will be paid for with a grant award. Board member Bedard seconded the motion and it passed (4 - 0).

B. Asset Disposal - approve (John Chivers)

1. (1) TV and (2) Beds

After discussion, Board member Bridge moved to approve the Asset Disposal of 1 TV and 2 hospital beds as presented. Board member Bedard seconded the motion and it passed (4 - 0).

Board Vice Chair Young adjourned the regular board meeting and called the Executive Session to order at 8:30 am.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.
- (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

VII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Board Vice Chair Young adjourned the Executive Session and called the regular session back into order at 9:10 am. No further Board action was required.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice Chair Young adjourned the Board meeting at 9:11 am.