



**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Linkletter Hall
August 19, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Linkletter Hall at Olympic Medical Center by Board President Jim Leskinovitch, and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Present were Commissioners John Beitzel, Jim Cammack, Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, and John Nutter, CEO Eric Lewis; CFO Julie Rukstad, Assistant Administrators Richard Newman, Rhonda Curry, Chief of Staff Mark Fischer, MD, Legal Counsel Craig Miller; public participants and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri.

Commissioner Leskinovitch introduced Assistant Administrator Rhonda Curry who welcomed and introduced new members of the medical staff: Cynthia Brooke, MD, OBGyn from Jamestown, Miriam Talley, CRNA and Loren Krause, CRNA, Drs. Eric and Jennifer Swanson, hospitalists. She mentioned new physicians who were not present: Gregory Harrah, MD, emergency and Wade Austin, MD, hospitalist and Robert Watkins, MD orthopedist. She also introduced Dr. Ed Gacek head of Olympic Hospitalist Physicians.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes for July 15, 2009, July 24, 2009 and August 5, 2009;
- Bad Debt for July 2009 in the amount of \$376,363.65;
- Vouchers for the month of July 2009 in the amount of \$6,247,116.95;
- Payroll for the Period of June 28 through August 8, 2009 in the amount of \$4,562,146.24.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented. *Motion carried.*

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Chief of Staff Mark Fischer, MD requested approval of the Medical Staff recommendations from July 2009 as follows:

AHP STAFF

Reappointment to the Allied Health Professional Staff:

1. Huff, Harold, DPM Podiatry
2. Pederson, Bradley, DPM Podiatry

MEDICAL STAFF

Reappointment to the Active Medical Staff:

1. Cain, James, MD General Surgery
2. Christian, Elizabeth, MD Family Medicine
3. VanCalcar, Richard, MD Family Medicine

Reappointment to the Telemedicine Staff:

1. Hoo, Charles, MD Telemedicine – Radiology
2. Serra, Kenneth, MD Telemedicine – Radiology
3. Staib, Neil, MD Telemedicine - Radiology

Resignations from OMC Medical Staff:

1. Bertucio, Clare, MD Medical Oncology – Active Medical Staff
2. Hoy, John, MD Telemedicine - Radiology
3. Scott-Fletcher, Bridget, ARNP OMCC – AHP Staff

LOCUMS TENENS PRIVILEGES GRANTED – FYI

1. Jensen, Ralph, MD Medical Oncology
2. Kittrick, Bruce, MD Internal Medicine/Hospitalist
3. Lumpkin, Elizabeth, MD Anesthesiology
4. Rogin, Robin, MD Anesthesiology

MOTION: To approve the Medical Staff credentials report for July 2009 as presented.
Motion carried.

Dr. Fischer then presented the proposed revisions to the Medical Staff Governance Policy G17, “Disaster Responsibilities of the Medical Staff” and requested approval.

MOTION: To approve the proposed revisions to Medical Staff Governance Policy G17, “Disaster Responsibilities of the Medical Staff” as presented.

Discussion: Emergency communications in Clallam and Kitsap Counties and walkie-talkie training. ***Motion carried.***

Dr. Fischer then requested approval of the revised Medical Staff Bylaws as recommended by the Medical Staff Bylaws Committee, Jeanne Alderson, Roger Oakes, MD and himself, and formally approved by the Medical Executive Committee.

MOTION: To approve the proposed revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws as presented. ***Motion carried.***

QUALITY REPORT

Focus on Satisfaction

Chief Human Resource Officer Richard Newman presented patient satisfaction improvements about informing patients about delays, comfort in the waiting room and ease of way finding. He talked about ideas for improvement and next steps including environmental change ideas, managing wait times using distractions, rounding checklists, and relevant survey questions to monitor.

Commissioner Leskinovitch inquired about clinic wait times and informing patients about long wait times before they come into the office giving them the opportunity to reschedule if necessary. Commissioner Cammack inquired about effects of EMR to the changes in clinic operations after implementation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public member Penney Theimann inquired about patient records at Sherwood Clinic and clinic capacity to absorb displaced patients in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Inpatient Hospice Service

Chief Nursing Officer Lorraine Wall asked for approval to develop inpatient hospice beds. Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis stated we have worked towards this goal for a year now with the benefit of patients in our community in mind.

MOTION: To approve the development of inpatient hospice beds to assist patients who require additional care for symptom management.

Discussion: Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County does not bill, but collaboration with the agency will continue as in the past. ***Motion carried.***

Commissioner Beitzel suggested the September Health Fair in Sequim may be good a venue to inform patients about hospice changes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Health Care Reform Update

Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis summarized recent developments in health care reform including a meeting with Congressman Norm Dicks, the single payor system, other information regarding reform proposals and geographic variation. He spoke in support of a public option and noted many proposals are now being discussed. He commented that a recent national poll revealed 45% of Americans believe the bill includes death panels. He clarified that end of life discussions are challenging, especially when Medicare does not pay physicians to discuss end of life options. End of life care can be very expensive depending on patient and family preference.

He spoke about Accountable Care Organizations that allow physician groups or hospitals with physician groups to propose pilot projects on improving care to patient populations which would reward physicians who provide high quality efficient patient care. Controlling health care costs is crucial at this time and OMC is focused on this goal. He then summarized cost controls and access to quality care issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Property

Chief Financial Officer Julie Rukstad requested surplus of fully depreciated items listed in the board package.

MOTION: To approve the property listed on pages 57-60 of the board package as surplus as presented. ***Motion carried.***

Parking Lot Maintenance

Ms. Rukstad requested approval of the budgeted project to clean-sweep and seal the hospital parking lot. The project is a 2009 budgeted item, long planned and will extend the life of the lot greatly.

MOTION: To approve the parking lot maintenance project for a total cost of SIXTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FOUR CENTS (\$61,527.84) as presented.

Discussion: Sequim lots will be completed in 2010. ***Motion carried.***

Medical Office Lease

Ms. Rukstad introduced the orthopedic clinic lease renewal with Dirk Gouge, MD for one year with the option to renew annually, a 90-day out or three-year term and renegotiation. She noted the current rate is \$1.25/foot. Negotiations are underway, but details have not been finalized yet.

Amended and Restated Hospitalist Agreement

Ms. Rukstad requested approval of the current agreement with Olympic Hospitalist Physicians that was initially approved in November 2006. New changes include extending the term by two years, increasing the termination notice to 180-days after initial term, adds provider responsibility to participate and consult in process improvement activities, requires hospitalists to provide treatment to all patients regardless of that patients current or past relationship with any particular medical staff member and adds defense costs for the legal fees with Foster Pepper in the lawsuit *Witham v. Clallam County Public Hospital District No. 2 and Olympic Hospitalist Physicians, P.S.*

MOTION: To approve the amended and restated Olympic Hospital Physicians hospitalist agreement as presented.

Discussion: We will have a joint defense agreement to deal with legal costs. **Motion carried.**

OTHER

After a five minute break at 7:00 pm, the meeting was moved to executive session by authority of RCW 40.30.110(1)(A), RCW 40.30.110(1)(b), RCW 40.30.110(1)(g) to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel matters for no more than 45 minutes with no action to follow. At 7:45, the executive session was extended for 30 more minutes.

At 8:15 pm, the meeting was moved back to open session and finally adjourned.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

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