



**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Linkletter Hall
January 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm in the Fairshter Room by Board President John Beitzel and was immediately moved to executive session for no more than sixty minutes by authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss litigation and union negotiations with no action to follow. Present were Commissioners Jim Cammack, Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, Jim Leskinovitch, John Miles, MD and John Nutter; CEO Eric Lewis, CMO R. Scott Kennedy, MD, CFO Julie Rukstad, Assistant Administrators Rhonda Curry, Pam Hawney, Richard Newman; Administrative Director Donna Davison; Chief of Staff Harry Lyndes, MD, Legal Counsel Craig Miller; public participants and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes for December 16, 2009 and January 6, 2010;
- Bad Debt for December 2009 in the amount of \$373,479.67;
- Vouchers for the month of December 2009 in the amount of \$5,801,649.66;
- Payroll for the Period of November 29, 2009 through December 26, 2009 in the amount of \$4,527,292.35.

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

QUALITY REPORT

Focus on Safety

Assistant Administrator Specialty Services Pamela Hawney presented the quarterly EQC Safety Report including the National Patient Safety Goals of Use of Do Not Use Abbreviations, Critical Values – Timeliness of Physician Notification, and Reducing Harm from Patient Falls.

Clinical Data Analyst Stacie Neff presented results of the AHRQ National Survey on Patient Safety Culture that was recently conducted in November 2009. She announced scores increased in all of the twelve dimensions of patient safety that were surveyed, and scores in ten dimensions were higher than the national average. See attached slides.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Chief of Harry Lyndes, MD thanked Dr. Fischer for his past two years of really hard work and how to be a great Chief of Staff. He requested approval of the Medical Staff recommendations as follows:

MEDICAL STAFF:

Appointment to the Provisional Active Medical Staff:

1. Fishman, Michael, MD Radiology
2. Zimmerman, Rena, MD Radiation Oncology

Appointment to the Telemedicine Staff:

1. Overbeck, John, MD Telemedicine – Radiology

Additional Privilege Request:

1. Sessions, E. Hamp, MD Radiology – Requesting Stereotactic Breast Biopsy

LOCUMS TENENS PRIVILEGES GRANTED – FYI:

1. Kazimi, F. Sarah, MD Radiology
2. Stoll, Terrence, MD Radiology

MEDICAL STUDENT EVALUATION – FYI:

1. Smith, Kody Internal Medicine – Hospitalist Program

MOTION: To approve the December 2009 Medical Staff Credentials Report as presented. ***Motion carried.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President John Beitzel opened the meeting for public comment before possible action by the Board regarding Resolution 434 Supporting the Sequim School District Maintenance and Operations Levy:

- Sara Bedinger, Virginia O’Neal spoke in favor of the Sequim School Levy.
- Chrys Gordon spoke in favor of the Sequim School Levy.

There being no further public comment, Commissioner Beitzel closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 434 Supporting the Sequim School District Maintenance and Operations Levy

Commissioner Beitzel asked for a motion to approve Resolution 434 supporting the Sequim School District Maintenance and Operations Levy.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 434 – Supporting the Sequim School District Maintenance and Operations Levy as presented.

Discussion: Jim Leskinovitch, all communities need a strong school district. We should all support this for physician recruitment and retention.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters regarding health reform legislation were noted in the packet.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

State Budget Update

Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis summarized the Washington State \$31 billion budget including the deficit of \$2.6 billion. Proposed cuts would create 100,000 newly uninsured people, eliminate Basic Health, reducing coverage for children, and eliminates general assistance, optional Medicaid services and reduces funding for mental health. He discussed budget balancing options and the new hospital safety net assessment. He announced WSHA's 2010 policy priorities regarding nurse staffing meals and rest breaks, infection rate reporting, protecting patients from influenza, hospital districts' access to financing and adverse event reporting.

Federal Health Care Reform Update

Mr. Lewis announced Republican Scott Brown of Massachusetts winning the Senate seat created a major shift giving Republicans 41 votes and Democrats 59 votes. The direction of health care reform will change and is being tracked closely with Democrats probably trying to pass a bill in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Peninsula Community Mental Health Center Inpatient Consulting Agreement

Chief Medical Officer Scott Kennedy, MD announced a contract and more information will be presented at the next board meeting for consideration that will provide a new level of availability for mental health consultation at the hospital.

X-Ray System for Sequim

Assistant Administrator Specialty Services Pam Hawney introduced the purchase of an x-ray unit for the Jamestown Clinic building in Sequim. The budgeted unit would cost \$78,000 dollars, plus tax and will be presented for review and recommendation to the Board Budget and Audit Committee Meeting.

Radiation Oncology Hardware Maintenance Agreement

Ms. Hawney introduced the purchase of the budgeted maintenance agreement for server clients that will also be presented at the Board Budget and Audit Committee Meeting. The term of the agreement is 31 months for a total of \$65,649 or \$2,117.71 per month.

ECG Electronic Medical Records Consulting Proposal

Chief Technology Officer Linda Brown introduced the 2010 budgeted purchase of additional hours of consulting services with Executive Consulting Group (ECG) who is assisting with implementation of GE Centricity EMR and Practice Management systems. As Practice Management went live December 1, additional consulting hours will be for the EMR portion of this project at the cost of \$109,000.

Discussion ensued about exchanging data while still respecting privacy and confidentiality with many new complex interfaces between Meditech and GE being built.

Point of Care Hardware Purchase for EMR Project

Ms. Brown then introduced the budgeted purchase of new point of care hardware devices including software for inpatient, outpatient clinics and home health for approximately \$800,000. She will request formal approval at the next board meeting.

Surplus Property

Chief Financial Officer Julie Rukstad noted all the equipment listed as surplus in the packet was fully depreciated.

MOTION: To accept the property listed on page 34 of the board packet as surplus as presented. ***Motion carried.***

Added item: Lab Special Chemistry Equipment Operating Lease

Ms. Hawney introduced the purchase of lab chemistry equipment. The Siemens equipment will allow for automated laboratory tests and consolidates 19 tests onto one platform that would improve turn around time if we could do these in-house. More information will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

There being no further business the meeting was finally adjourned at 7:18 pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

Commissioner

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