



**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Linkletter Hall
July 1, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jim Leskinovitch and opened with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 pm. Present were Commissioners John Beitzel, Jim Cammack, Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, and John Nutter; Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis; Chief Medical Officer R. Scott Kennedy, MD; Assistant Administrators Rhonda Curry, Pamela Hawney, Julie Rukstad; Administrative Director Donna Davison; Chief of Staff Mark Fischer, MD; Diagnostic Imaging Director Deby King, Diagnostic Imaging Manager John Troglia, Legal Counsel Craig Miller, public members and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri.

OMC LABORATORY UPDATE PRESENTATION

Laboratory Director Steve Blackham presented an update to the board regarding laboratory services at Olympic Medical Center. He included information about personnel, customer service, a recent remodel, new equipment, hematology/coagulation/urinalysis, microbiology, clinical chemistry, blood bank, anatomic pathology, hematoxylin/eosin tissue, hazardous materials and waste, histology, and new MRSA testing technology. CEO Eric Lewis and Board President Jim Leskinovitch thanked and commended Mr. Blackham on his leadership and dedication in caring for the patients in the community.

RADIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Assistant Administrator Pamela Hawney and Director of Diagnostic Imaging Deby King requested approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Radia to provide radiologist services at OMC. This ongoing two-year term would be effective October 1, 2009 unless IT issues delayed the project. It was noted the stipend to Radia for start up costs had increased from the first presentation from \$500,000 to \$700,000. The Board Budget and Audit Committee reviewed and recommended approval, as well as the Imaging Selection Committee that also included board input. Radia's competitive advantage was noted to be collaboration. OMC-employed radiologists will be working with Radia to join Radia to perform services at OMC as a Radia employee.

MOTION: "To approve the professional radiology services and medical director agreement and the related covenant attachment with Radia effective October 1, 2009 as presented".

Discussion: Commissioner Cammack noted the RFP process and selection team involvement was excellent. *Motion carried.*

WSHA 33RD ANNUAL RURAL HOSPITAL SUMMER WORKSHOP

Chief Executive Officer summarized courses provided at the annual summer workshop he attended with Commissioners Leskinovitch, Cammack, Beitzel and Engel. He shared the theme of the conference was “Working Together to Shape the Future.” Topics included ways hospitals and physicians work together; recession and lowering volumes, increasing number of uninsured, less net income, lay offs, less money for capital spending, health care reform, MRSA prevention and education, rural strategic planning, new models of care delivery and the medical home (an expanded way of doing primary care), patient safety, pay for performance and the Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program. See slides.

Commissioner Engel noted OMC is far ahead of many hospitals in several aspects, including the Death with Dignity Act. Commissioner Cammack commented on the electronic medical records presentation and commended Mr. Lewis on his collaborative efforts with Jefferson Healthcare and Forks Community Hospital. Commissioner Leskinovitch also commented on the new RAC program that could impact Olympic Medical Center.

HEALTHCARE REFORM UPDATE

Mr. Lewis noted President Obama’s healthcare reform program is still early in the process. Minimal detail has been finalized yet, but he is determined to make some changes this year or in early 2010. President Obama feels the economy will not recover if healthcare issues are not solved. Comparative effectiveness will drive quality and eliminate unnecessary costs, and discussion is ensuing about having a public health plan. He summarized the House’s plan that was released June 19. One reform formula provides for a 5% bonus for being primary care provider and wellness and prevention provisions. The Senate plan will move heavily towards pay for performance and OMC will do well under this model. Reducing geographic variation in spending is being examined (Washington State is half as much as Florida). In conclusion, he stated reforming the system needs to occur, not just reforming reimbursement cuts.

Noted was a joint letter from Clallam County Department of Health, Olympic Medical Center and Forks Hospital with thoughts and proposals to make they healthcare system better; universal coverage, work force shortage, medication cost reduction, and increased primary care access.

Discussion ensued regarding Rural Advocacy Days in September. Mr. Lewis and Commissioners Leskinovitch, and Beitzel plan to attend. The Board Advocacy Committee and Mr. Lewis will continue to watch advocacy efforts closely and report to the full board monthly. It was noted malpractice costs continue to be high and tort reform is not included in this current reform discussion. Commissioner Cammack encouraged the Board and CEO to attend reform forums being sponsored by the League of Women Voters. See slides.

OTHER

The Board congratulated Administration on the successful contract negotiation with Radia to provide radiology services and increase department stabilization.

Commissioner Leskinovitch announced the Board will participate in the Board Self Evaluation process at their regular meeting on August 19.

It was announced the Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics (VIMO) fundraising dinner will be held Sept 24, 2009 at Crab House.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

_____	_____ President
_____ Secretary	_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner	_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner	_____ Commissioner