



**Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Board President John Beitzel in the Fairshter Room of Olympic Medical Center and was immediately moved to executive session to discuss litigation by authority of RCW 42.30.100(1)(i)(A) for no more than 60 minutes with no action to follow. Present were Commissioners Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, Jim Leskinovitch, John Miles, MD, and John Nutter; Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis; Chief Medical Officer R. Scott Kennedy, MD; Chief Financial Officer Julie Rukstad, Assistant Administrators Rhonda Curry, Pamela Hawney, Administrative Director Donna Davison; Legal Counsel Craig Miller; and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri. Commissioner Cammack was excused.

Following a ten minute break, the meeting was continued at 6:00 pm in Linkletter Hall and was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**COMPLIANCE EDUCATION AND UPDATE**

Compliance Officer Mic Sager spoke about the new Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) who detects and corrects past improper payments so CMS and payment contractors can implement actions that will prevent future improper payments. See attached slides.

**CT PLANNING EQUIPMENT FOR CANCER CENTER**

Medical Director of Radiation Oncology Rena Zimmerman, MD and Tara Lock Director Olympic Medical Cancer Center explained the need for a new wide bore CT to assist in cancer treatment planning by accommodating any patient treatment position while providing optimal anatomical coverage for treatment planning. Discussion ensued about bariatric patients, construction requirements, transition and timing. Two vendors are being considered for the recommended 16-slice CT with the total estimated cost of approximately \$1,000,000 for equipment and installation. Request for approval will occur at the next board meeting after board budget and audit committee review. See attached slides.

**DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING EQUIPMENT**

Director of Diagnostic Imaging Deby King presented a digital mammography project update including digital bone density, marketing efforts and program development. The equipment consolidation project will eliminate the duplication of equipment regarding nuclear medicine, CT and MRI. The next steps are to get quotes from vendors, analyze the products and present findings to the board budget and audit committee for review. See attached slides.

## **TELESTROKE/NEUROLOGIST AGREEMENTS WITH SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER**

Chief Medical Officer Scott Kennedy, MD introduced the Swedish Telestroke Program contract being discussed to provide tele-video conferencing with neuro consultation for patients in our emergency department. This conferencing would assist in the crucial determination if a stroke has occurred to ensure drugs are administered in time. The three year contract would be offset by a possible grant that would help defray costs. Discussion will occur at the next board budget and audit committee for review.

## **PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS**

Dr. Kennedy then summarized the following contracts currently being negotiated or amended:

- Two neurologists from the Swedish Neuroscience Institute to practice full time in Sequim. Swedish is very interested in these negotiations to reach out and place expertise in the communities.
- Employment contract amendment for general surgeon James Flowers, MD, to extend his current contract through June 30 instead of the original April 1, 2010 date.
- Employment contracts for general surgeons Chuck Bundy, MD and Sandra Tatro, MD beginning June 2010.
- Employment contract for Erin Nelli, DO hematology and medical oncology beginning August 2010.
- Employment contract for Michael Shevach, MD board certified radiation oncologist beginning in August 2010.
- Recruitment support contract with Family Medicine of Port Angeles to subsidize the recruitment of Jennifer Brown, MD and first year practice expenses. She would hopefully join the practice August 2010.

## **EXTERIOR SIGNAGE FOR SEQUIM CAMPUS**

Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis requested approval to purchase a total of ten exterior signs for the Sequim Campus. These large, internally lit signs will assist in patient way finding between the Medical Services Building, Cancer Center and Physical Therapy buildings.

***MOTION:*** To approve the purchase of ten exterior signs from GSI Signs for the Sequim campus for the total cost to OMC of EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY TWO CENTS (\$83,621.22) including sales tax as presented.

***Discussion:*** This is a 2010 budgeted expense. ***Motion carried.***

Commissioner Beitzel announced the first community roundtable event will occur on March 11 with local community leaders in attendance to help facilitate increased communication in accordance with the strategic plan. A PowerPoint virtual tour of the hospital will kick off the meeting, and dinner will follow. This event will hopefully occur quarterly.

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

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

**ATTEST:**

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