



**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Linkletter Hall
May 6, 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, John Nutter and Gary R. Smith via telephone; Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis; Chief Medical Officer R. Scott Kennedy, MD; Assistant Administrators Rhonda Curry, Pam Hawney, Lorraine Wall, Julie Rukstad; Administrative Director Donna Davison; Chief of Staff Mark Fischer, MD; Legal Counsel Craig Miller, public members and Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER, JOHN NUTTER

Mr. John Nutter was sworn in by Legal Counsel Craig Miller to assume the vacancy in District 2, Position 1 due to the resignation of Cindy Witham in March 2009.

SWINE FLU VIRUS (SIV) UPDATE

Clallam County Public Health Officer Tom Locke, MD briefed the board with the latest Swine Flu Virus information. Although the goal was to slow down and prevent the strain from spreading, school closures were not feasible due to the mild severity of this particular flu. He emphasized the need for the infected to stay home. The Federal Strategic National Stockpile has dispensed enough antiviral medication to cover 15% of the population and Clallam County has already received the first quarter of this 15% that will be available to dispense from pharmacies by the end of the week. Testing capabilities are now possible in Washington State as there were 800 cases in the queue. The interesting trend shows patients over the age of 40 tested mostly for seasonal flu; and most of those under 40 have tested positive for the Swine Flu. Prescribing guidelines will be distributed to all practitioners this week, with the question being whether the vaccine will be necessary next year. Interestingly, he noted the stronger Avian Flu strain has not been eliminated and is still a greater threat. He announced a Tuesday morning, 7:15 am update meeting that will occur as long as necessary.

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE OF THE OLYMPICS (VIMO) CLINIC UPDATE

Executive Director of the VIMO Clinic Larry Little presented an update on the past year at the clinic. Discussion ensued about number of patients turned away. He announced appointments are booked into July 2009 for behavioral health services and that medical appointments are scheduled 3-4 weeks out. He noted he would like to request support from OMC for an ARNP in the coming year. See attached slides.

BILLING, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLECTION POLICIES

Chief Financial Officer Julie Rukstad, and Mic Sager Compliance Officer, presented an overview of the revenue cycle. See attached slides.

CONTRACTS

Assistant Administrator Specialty Services Pam Hawney presented summaries of two contracts that will be requested for approval at the next meeting. The first contract was with DR PACs for picture archiving in Diagnostic Imaging. The second contract was with Northwest Medical Physics Center to provide physicist and IMRT services at the cancer center.

CRNA EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Chief Nursing Officer Lorraine Wall announced as a result of National Nurses Day many vintage nursing uniforms were currently on display in Linkletter Hall and a celebration will occur with the annual Amy Bork Conference available for staff participation. In concert with the Strategic Plan, she presented details of the three year employment agreement with Miriam Talley, CRNA to provide OB pain management services. The agreement is for \$140,000 annually with \$15,000 additional for directorship of the OB Pain Management Program. Additionally, a \$10,000 retention incentive at the end of two years was added at her request due to other recruitment offers she had received.

MOTION: To approve the three-year Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Services Employment Agreement for Miriam Talley, CRNA, to provide OB pain management services as presented. *Motion carried.*

RESOLUTION 427: JEFFERSON HEALTHCARE & FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis announced collaborative meetings with Jefferson Healthcare CEO Vic Dirksen and Forks Community Hospital CEO Camille Scott have been occurring almost monthly for the past year. Discussion has occurred regarding more interlocal agreements and collaborative project opportunities. He introduced this resolution designed to be passed by all three hospital boards and requested any amendments be forwarded to him. Approval will be sought at a future meeting.

Mr. Lewis mentioned the WSHA Patient Safety Conference in Seattle attended by Commissioners John Beitzel and Jean Hordyk, Scott Kennedy, MD and himself earlier in the day. Rich Umbdenstock President and CEO of the American Hospital Association and James Reinertsen, MD of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement spoke about safety, health care reform, credentialing physicians and reducing or eliminating hospital acquired infections. Commissioner Hordyk mentioned a comment about reinvesting in primary care physicians to assist people through medical school so they do not have any school loan debt upon graduation.

PROVIDER CONTRACT
Deferred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

Commissioner

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