



**Board of Commissioners
Work Session Minutes
August 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Olympic Medical Center was called to order at 12:30 pm by Board President Jim Leskinovitch in Linkletter Hall. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, social distancing recommendations, and Washington State Governor Inslee's extensions of Proclamations 20-28.5, the meeting was held virtually with attendees and the public calling into the published conference line. In attendance were commissioners Ann Marie Henninger, RN, BSN, Thom Hightower, RN (via telephone), Jean Hordyk, Jim Leskinovitch, John Miles, MD, (via telephone), John Nutter (via telephone), and Tom Oblak. Interim Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer Darryl Wolfe; Chief Medical Officer Scott Kennedy, MD, Chief Nursing Officer Ralph Parker, MSN, BSN, RN, Chief Financial Officer Lorraine Cannon; Olympic Medical Physicians Chief Physician Officer Joshua Jones, MD; Chief Human Resources Officer/General Counsel Jennifer Burkhardt, JD; Risk and Compliance Officer Donna Davison; staff, and Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board Gay Lynn Iseri were also in attendance. All attendees were observing appropriate social distancing measures and masking protocol.

Patient Story – Jennifer Burkhardt, Chief Human Resource Officer/General Counsel

Letter from an employee regarding the mother's treatment at the cancer center was read.

Employee Recognition - Jennifer Burkhardt, Chief Human Resource Officer/General Counsel and Scott Kennedy, MD, Chief Medical Officer/Safety Officer

Ms. Burkhardt honored the dynamic duo in Employee Health who has worked tirelessly to keep staff and patients safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic this year: Jon Critchfield, RN, Employee Health and Wellness Coordinator and Jasmine Birkland, MA-C, Employee Health and Wellness Medical Assistant. Dr. Kennedy honored staff who had also gone above and beyond in their roles during the COVID-19 Pandemic this year: Kim Kummer, MPH, Infection Preventionist, Patient Safety Services, Carie Metcalf, Lab Assistant/Courier, Patty Wood, Technical Specialist, Laboratory, Dalyn Titterness, Technical Specialist, Laboratory, and Anna Albright, Hospitalist Services Coordinator.

Public Comment

None.

CMS Lawsuit Update – Jennifer Burkhardt, Chief Human Resource Officer/General Counsel

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit reversed the favorable district court decision finding that the U.S. HHS and CMS exceeded its statutory authority when it reduced payments for hospital outpatient services furnished in off-campus, provider-based departments. The Court ruled CMS was entitled to deference in its interpretation of the regulations implementing site neutral payment cuts. CMS had determined that the higher payment for off campus provider-based departments provided an incentive for hospitals to increase services in those provider-based department which then resulted in what CMS stated was an unnecessary volume of health care services. This ruling solidifies CMS' 30% cut to off-campus, provider-based departments in 2019, and the 60% cut in 2020. On a positive note, OMC did factor in the 60% cuts when planning the 2020 budget and remains financially stable. The Board will continue work to develop a strategy in 2021 to work with elected officials to secure reliable and adequate government funding for rural healthcare.

COVID-19 Update – Darryl Wolfe, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Incident command continues to meet weekly. One new positive case came into the hospital recently, for a total of 4 positive cases at OMC since this pandemic began. The drug Remdesivir has become available as a fairly successful way to treat patients. PPE supplies are still in demand as we continue to work hard to secure supplies for employees. Substitutions continue to come in, and testing continues. One effort OMP is working on is a testing site outside the Walk in Clinic. This work will continue with the County to prevent any testing gaps between the two agencies.

Quarterly Educational Board Retreat – Jim Leskinovitch, 2020 Board President

It was announced to board members to submit discussion topics for the scheduled educational retreat.

Resolution 529 – Appointing an Administrator/CEO – Jim Leskinovitch, 2020 Board President

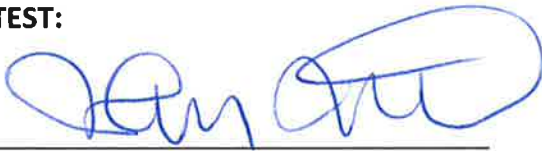
Board President Leskinovitch read the resolution appointing Darryl Wolfe to the position of Administrator/Chief Executive Officer of Olympic Medical Center.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 529 Appointing Chief Executive Officer and authorizing the Board President to sign Exhibit A as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting finally adjourned at 1:28 pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:



Secretary

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