

**GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Michael Bruce, District 2
David Quigg, At Large 1
Melanie Sturgeon, At Large 2
Chris Thomas, District 1
Becky Walsh, District 5

ABSENT

Andrew Bickar, District 4
Miles Longenbaugh, District 3
Niall Foley, Executive Director Finance

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Jensen, CEO, GHCH
Teresa Ramirez, Executive Assistant

Members of the Public

GUEST

Bruce Worth, MD, HarborCrest Medical Director
Attorney Adrian Arquhart, Foster Pepper
(via conference line during Executive Session)

EDUCATION

Bruce Worth, MD, HarborCrest Medical Director, spoke on Opioid Addiction and Treatment in Grays Harbor County.

Commissioners Quigg and Thomas inquired about how Commissioners could support the provision of addiction treatment. Dr. Worth brought forward that the greatest barrier to efficiently prescribing needed medications is the prior authorization process.

CALL TO ORDER

President Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00p.

Absences

Commissioners Bickar and Longenbaugh provided notice that they would not be in attendance during today's meeting.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Quigg, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to excuse Commissioners Bickar and Longenbaugh.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Topics

President Bruce opened the meeting to members of the public for comment regarding topics listed on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Medical Staff Credentialing

Submitted was the June Medical Staff Credentials Report for Board review and approval.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Quigg, seconded by Commissioner Sturgeon, and unanimously carried to approve the June Credentials Report.

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman's Report

President Bruce thanked Commissioners' for their participation in the Reception held on Tuesday to recognize and appreciate Legislators for extending the Budget Proviso.

Board Quality Report

Commissioner Quigg provided report on the June Board Quality Committee meeting. Of note:

- ED Left Without Being Seen – A tremendous amount of work is underway to ensure that there is adequate provider coverage in the ED, that quality communication is being extended to patients, and to streamline ED processes.
- Melanie and Dr. Buck, Chief of Staff, have been working with ED sub committees, with improvements noted.

Board Finance Report

President Bruce provided report on the June Board Finance Committee meeting. Of note:

- Volumes have been up - the traditional summer dip has yet to arrive.
- Outpatient Volumes have taken a bit of a downturn primarily due to the turnover in providers.
- ED Visits have remained consistent.
- Outpatient Surgeries are below budget; however, much improved from previous months.
- The month of May showed a net positive income of \$127,411.

Resolution; Submitted was Resolution 2019-01 Approving Line of Credit w/ GHCH Foundation. Mr. Foley explained that the Board is being asked to approve authorizing a line of credit with the Foundation.

Commissioner Quigg inquired about a forgiveness clause, and Mr. Jensen indicated that language will be reflected in the terms of the agreement.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Quigg, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board the approval of Resolution 2019-01 Approving Line of Credit w/ GHCH Foundation.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Topics

President Bruce opened the meeting to members of the public for comment on general topics.

Citizens of Ocean Shores provided the Board of Commissioners with a Petition for an urgent care facility at Ocean Shores. Commissioners were then invited to attend a meeting on July 17th from 6:00-8:00p at the North Beach Senior Center to discuss healthcare options in the North Beach area.

President Bruce acknowledged that the lack of healthcare in Ocean Shores has been longstanding and that the Board has been aware and sympathetic of the concerns. He expressed that prior to expanding healthcare into other areas, additional providers are needed, as well as the financial stabilization of the Hospital. He also brought forward that conversations have been held with developers and assured citizens that Ocean Shores concerns are on the Commissioners' radar.

Commissioner Quigg informed citizens that they can reach out to Commissioners through email on the Hospital's website, and extended appreciation of citizens expressing their concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Bruce announced adjournment of the Public Meeting at 7:02p in order to convene an Executive Session for 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party. There will be no action taken after the Executive Session. A break of 10 minutes was provided, prior to convening the Executive Session.

At 7:12p the Executive Session was convened.

At 7:32p the Executive Session adjourned and the Hospital Board meeting reconvened, with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32p.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:



Teresa Ramirez
Executive Assistant



Commissioner Longenbaugh
Board Secretary