

**GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Armando Juarez, Jr, District 2
Miles Longenbaugh, District 3
Pete Scroggs, At Large
Robert Torgerson, At Large 1
Becky Walsh, District 5
Maryann Welch, District 1

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Jensen, CEO, GHCH
Joe Vessey, CFO, GHCH
Teresa Ramirez, Executive Assistant, GHCH
Members of the Public

ABSENT

Andrew Bickar, District 4

CALL TO ORDER

President Maryann Welch called the meeting to order at 2:03p.

BOARD EDUCATION

Education was provided on The Joint Commission Survey and Preparedness by Tom Jensen, CEO, Kris Morrison, Director of Quality, Risk & Compliance, and Kevin Kajita, Plant Services Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- Minutes of March 22, 2016 Hospital Board meeting.
- Minutes of March 16, 2016 Board Quality Committee meeting.
- Minutes of March 17, 2016 Board Finance Committee meeting.

It was noted that Commissioner Scroggs was missing from attendance in the Hospital Board meeting minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Longenbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Scroggs and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda, with Mr. Scroggs to be added to the attendance of the March 22, 2016 Hospital Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Medical Staff Credentialing

Submitted was the Medical Staff Credentialing Report.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scroggs, seconded by Commissioner Torgerson, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Ron Oman, ARNP, as an Allied Health Professional, for a period of two years in the Specialty of Family Practice.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Torgerson, seconded by Commissioner Scroggs, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Elissa Freudenberg, PA-C, as an Allied Health Professional, for a period of two years in the Specialty of Internal Medicine.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Scroggs, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Hui Wang, MD, as Courtesy Staff, for a period of two years in the Specialty of IM/Hem/Oncology.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Torgerson, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Nicholas Shawnik, DO, as Courtesy Staff, for a period of two years in the Specialty of Emergency Medicine.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Juarez, seconded by Commissioner Torgerson, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Betsy Bronson, MD, as Consulting Staff, for a period of two years in the Specialty of Teleradiology.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Scroggs, and unanimously carried to approve appointment of Neal Passante, MD, as Provisional Staff, for a period of one year in the Specialty of Radiology.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Torgerson, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to approve re-appointment of Ravinder Sohal, MD, as Consulting Staff, for a period of two years in the Specialty of Teleradiology.

A resignation was noted by Kathi Adamson, MD in the Specialty of Pathology.

Dr. Stephanie Devaney, Anesthesiologist, requested leave of absence on April 11, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Quality Report

Commissioner Scroggs provided report on the April meeting. Among some of the information provided:

- Education was provided on Sepsis; Sepsis is a \$20 billion cost to the medical industry, with a 12% per year increase anticipated. Nearly one in four patients with Sepsis dies from the infection. The hospital has a treatment plan, based on industry best practices, with staff and provider education and training being conducted on these practices.
- A patient story was shared on how patients can add amendments to their patient records when disputing information.
- HMG Executive Director shared information on provider satisfaction results related to IT resources and lack of available space to recruit providers into. Concerns identified from the survey are being addressed through a provider governance council.

Board Finance Report

Commissioner Longenbaugh provided report on the April meeting. Among some of the information provided:

- Inpatient Revenue came in at \$9.518M; Outpatient Revenue is up 7% and ED Revenue is down 14%. The Hospitalist Program is having some impact on volumes; however, the hospital just recently signed agreements with Dr. Donohoe as Hospitalist Medical Director and Dr. Troeh as Assistant Medical Director. In addition, there are a significant number of hospitalist provider candidates in the pipeline.
- Moss Adams presented results from the Financial Audit, with very positive results being realized. The hospital used to operate under FASB (non-profit regulations) and is now under GASBE. As a result, a positive impact was realized on the hospital's pension liability, with a pension asset of \$24.M. The hospital's investment policy will also be reviewed more often by the Fiduciary Committee.

Capital spending on fixed assets is down in comparison to other hospitals, due to lack of funding. The audit showed that for the first time, the hospital achieved a positive operating margin over the past six years.

President Welch inquired about how the hospital is addressing capital needs that was presented during the budgeting period in 2015. Mr. Vessey reported that the sorely needed sterilizer for Surgical Services is currently in the procurement stage and installation is anticipated to occur in the upcoming months. The new sterilizer will improve sterilization and surgery turn-around time. In addition, two ultrasounds and an echo machine have been purchased and should be received over the next couple of weeks.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Branding; President Welch brought forward that hospital branding has been raised by the Board in the past and she proposed to the Board that a request be made for Mr. Jensen to develop a white paper over the next month or two regarding branding for the hospital; pros and cons, ramifications, financial impact, timeline, complexities to the project, etc.

Patient Safety; President Welch reminded Commissioners of the May 17th CEO/Trustee Patient Safety Summit, as well as the WSHA Annual Rural Conference, June 27-29 in Chelan.

Board Education; Topics of education for future Board meetings were presented for consideration:

- Meaningful Use - scheduled for May
- Recycling Program
- Value Based Payments
- HIPPA
- Ethics Committee

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Suite Summary

Submitted was the Executive Suite Summary Report. Noted were the following:

- Increased volumes at the East Campus Lab.
- Medicaid Quality Incentive requirements have been successfully met by the Hospital, earning an additional 1% reimbursement to the Medicaid inpatient rates.

Mr. Jensen provided background on the Site Neutral Coalition. In general, hospitals can bill for a facility fee, where other types of medical facilities, such as ambulatory facilities, cannot bill for this fee. The Federal Gov't is trying to enact legislation that essentially dictates that all facilities have to bill the same way, which would mean hospitals will no longer be able to bill the facility fee. The Coalition has been formed to work through legislative processes to stop legislation from moving forward, or to obtain an exemption for hospitals.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Welch reported that today, several commissioners attended Greater Grays Harbor's hosting of Joan Brewster's presentation on the Health of the Harbor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – General

President Welch opened the meeting to public comment from members of the community regarding issues that were not part of the agenda.

NEXT MEETING

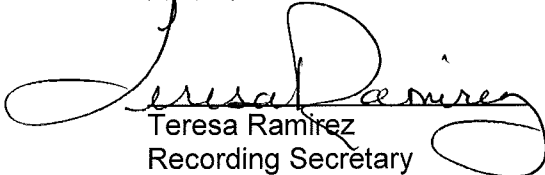
Tuesday, May 24, 2016; 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:


Teresa Ramirez
Recording Secretary


Robert Torgerson
Board Secretary