

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County was held at the Peacehealth United General Medical Center.

ATTENDANCE

Present were: Commissioners Chuck Ruhl, Gary Kent, Bob Stanley, Jeri Kaufman and Andy Hunter; Ted Brockmann, Superintendent/CFO; Mary Voss, Office Manager/Accountant; Mr. Barnhart/CAO PHUGMC; and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Mr. Ruhl.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ruhl asked for public comment from members of the audience. Numerous members of the community spoke in support of Physicians Care and the physicians' dedication to the community and its people. Concern was expressed about the practice relocating out of the District. When the public comment session concluded, Mr. Ruhl thanked the audience for their heartfelt comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the "consent" agenda, including the minutes of the January 22nd regular meeting; written report from the Superintendent/CFO; Resolution 2015-05 – Investments (District); Resolution 2015-07 – Surplus (District); accounts payable voucher(s) (District) #66602 – 66683; payroll voucher(s) (District) #14516 – 14560, wire transfer(s) (1/22); accounts payable voucher(s) (AHS) #000031136 – 000031136 and the January write-offs (District).

OTHER BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Regional Health, Second Amendment:

Mr. Brockmann stated that there have been several meetings with the parties involved, all of which have been positive. He spoke with Mr. Davidson from Skagit Regional Health the previous afternoon and they both agreed that further meetings were necessary to determine the language to amend in the contract. The Board agreed, therefore no action was

taken. All Board members spoke of their desire to keep primary care in the community.

Peacehealth October thru January Financial Report & Quality Measures:

Mr. Barnhart delivered the PeaceHealth quarterly update. He noted that the bottom line was positive for the quarter. Inpatient visits were on budget. Referrals from Skagit Internal Medicine were holding steady. Dr. Franklin began performing surgical services in October and an additional surgeon was scheduled to begin in April. The new orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Krusniak came on board in December. They will continue their efforts to add specialty providers. He also reported on several quality and safety indicators. Of note, patient satisfaction was on an upward trend with the ER receiving a 95% "would you recommend" rating.

Hospice of the Northwest joint venture update:

Mr. Brockmann stated that there was no new information to report and it appears as though adding an additional partner to the joint venture has been put on hold.

North Cascade Healthcare Foundation update:

Mr. Brockmann and Ms. Kaufman met with Ms. Wilma Louia and Ms. Ellen Johnson of the North Cascade Healthcare Foundation in February. The District had requested funding for the ACU/ICU remodel. Ms. Louia and Ms. Johnson indicated that they would take the request back to their board for consideration. Their board subsequently rejected the request and stated that they prefer that monies go to the needs of the North Puget Cancer Center. Mr. Brockmann suggested that Mr. Barnhart follow up with the North Cascade Healthcare Foundation to see if they were willing to contribute to future hospital projects.

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Hunter delivered the Finance Committee report. He stated that Mr. Kent had now joined the Finance Committee, replacing Ms. Kaufman. He thanked Ms. Kaufman for all her work on the committee. He also noted that due to the restructure of the District, the Finance Committee had scaled back its meeting schedule. It would now be meeting during the first and second months of the quarter, but not the third month.

He then deferred to Mr. Brockmann. Mr. Brockmann reviewed the December Year End income statement and balance sheet for the District. He then reviewed the January income statement and balance sheet for the District. Mr. Brockmann noted that in January he and Ms. Voss had successfully converted the District to new financial software. He also stated that the 2014 financial audit being performed by Wipfli was currently in process. The Hospice of the Northwest financials were not available at this time. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Finance Committee report.

Resolution No. 2015-06 – Petty Cash Funds

This resolution closed petty cash funds at East Valley Medical, East Valley Pharmacy and Sedro Woolley Family Medicine due to the transition of those businesses to SeaMar and Peacehealth. It also reduced the petty cash fund amount located at United Family Medicine. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept this resolution.

Resolution No. 2015-08 – Bank Accounts

This resolution closed the District's advanced travel fund at Key Bank. Due to the restructure of the District and change in policy, this account is no longer needed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept this resolution.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

State of the District presentation:

Mr. Brockmann informed the Board that the "State of the District" presentation had been scheduled at several civic organizations and will begin next month. Together, he and Mr. Barnhart from PHUGMC will be presenting a PowerPoint slideshow put together by Ms. Stafford.

The Landing fundraiser:

Mr. Brockmann reminded the Board that the annual fundraising dinner and auction for The Landing children's bereavement program is being held on Saturday, March 14 at the Sedro Woolley Community Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 a.m.







ATTEST:

