

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2016**

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, Bob Stanley, Jeri Kaufman, Gary Kent and Andy Hunter; Ted Brockmann, Superintendent/CFO; Steve Queen, Human Resource Administrator; Chris Johnston, Peacehealth CAO and Mary Voss, Office Manager/Accountant.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mr. Hunter.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the "consent" agenda, including the minutes of the July 27th regular meeting; written report from the Superintendent/CFO; District accounts payable vouchers #70412 – 70500; AHS accounts payable vouchers #31179 – 31181; payroll vouchers #DD1738 – DD1780; and the July write-offs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pavilion Signage Update:

At the July 27 Board meeting, there was concern expressed by the Board regarding the large Skagit Regional Health sign at the Pavilion. Since then, Mr. Brockmann has had a couple of conversations with Mr. Tom Litaker, CFO from SRH. Mr. Litaker presented three options for reducing the size of the sign. Further discussion ensued and it was determined that the consensus of Board members was in favor of the option that reduced the sign to 60% of the existing size. However, the Board's primary concern is the inclusion of "a department of Skagit Valley Hospital" on the sign. It is felt that this is too confusing to our community members and they are requesting that it be removed. Mr. Brockmann stated that he would communicate this to Skagit Regional Health.

Skagit Regional Health Interlocal:

The Board discussed extending the interlocal agreement with Skagit Regional Health regarding providing services within the boundaries of Public Hospital District No. 304, mainly the Pavilion. Concern was expressed about a trend downward of outpatient referrals to PeaceHealth United from those providers. Mr. Johnston, CAO Peacehealth, stated that he now meets with the Pavilion providers regularly to address concerns and to help strengthen that relationship. He shared that Peacehealth would like to see the agreement extended to allow time for the working relationship to further develop. A motion was made and seconded to extend the interlocal agreement through August 31, 2019. The motion passed with four yay votes and one abstention (Hunter).

Skagit Regional Health Residency Program:

The Board discussed the request from Skagit Regional Health to locate their Internal Medicine Residency Program at the Pavilion. The proposal was first brought forth by SRH at the April 27th Board meeting. At that time, the Board requested more information regarding the program and how it would benefit Public Hospital District No. 304. At the July 27th Board meeting, the decision was tabled as it was felt there still had not been enough information provided. After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to vote on allowing the Residency Program to operate within the District. The motion to allow the program failed unanimously as the Board felt that the program did not benefit the District.

Peacehealth Update:

Mr. Johnston reviewed the statistical information for Peacehealth United for their fiscal year that ended in June. He shared that they are in the process of "rebranding" the oncology center and will have an open house on September 29th. Also in development is a service to provide a transport to and from the medical center for east county residents who are lacking transportation resources. He also shared some of their FY17 goals which include working with Skagit County EMS to re-establish guidelines for ambulance transports. Additionally, he has invited Mike Penrose, Peacehealth's new Director of Provider Recruitment, to the September 28th Board meeting to update the Board on the effort to recruit physicians to our community.

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Kent presented the Finance Committee report for consideration and deferred to Mr. Brockmann for detail. Mr. Brockmann reviewed the July 2016 income statement and balance sheet for the District. Mr. Brockmann also reviewed the July 2016 Hospice of the Northwest financials. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Finance Committee report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.










