

## **Administrative Board Report**

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Construction Update** – By now you have seen the letters from the Eagles regarding the last effort to negotiate the north 18 feet of the Eagles property and 10 feet of alleyway. It certainly appears that the Eagles committee is very reluctant to present any purchase offer to the general membership. Rick Whitt, appraiser, informed me that he would have the appraisals we have requested completed (Eagles & Nau properties) in February – he is just that busy.

**Construction Update** – Dr. Nau has requested that we find some representative parking lot rental information to aid in determining the term of a lease on his back property. Information received regarding Dr. Stinson indicates that she will make a decision whether or not to purchase the Nau dental practice in possibly 2 or more years. We are continuing to work on this.

I had a discussion with Dr. Hartkorn on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> on several options regarding parking and he indicated that he is willing to work with us on the Whitcomb property (parking lot) and would determine which option; purchase or lease of the back portion of his property, would be beneficial to him.

**Construction Update** – On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> the Construction Steering Committee and Dave Franklund, Architect, had a telephone conference with Andreas Aalhus to review the Pre-Construction Agreement (draft copy attached). Another telephone conference was held with Mike Fuentes, McKinstry, and Kirsten Wilson, WSGA, to discuss the ESCO contract and the way it will tie in to the overall construction planning and scheduling. Mike Fuentes and Kirsten, along with KDF personnel, Dave Franklund, architect, and Hargus Engineers will meet here February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Major decisions regarding the construction schedule and schematic design will be made at that meeting. Dave Franklund will present an update at the regular Board meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. See attached schedules.

**General Contractor / Contract Manager (GCCM)** – The Pre-Construction contract for Walker – Leone/Keeble will be presented at Monday's meeting.

**Emergency Room Coverage UPDATE** – We met with NVFM physicians to review the alternatives and estimated costs of staffing the ER. The analysis from Michael Bell was presented and we had a good discussion. As a result of their input, we have developed an interim proposal for staffing the Emergency Room which they will review at a scheduled NVFM provider meeting on Monday morning. While the interim proposal requires us to continue to provide a significant subsidy for ER coverage, it also recognizes that Wenatchee Valley Medical Center is willing to let us bill for the professional component (Part B) of the physician's Emergency Room Coverage. A long term solution involving the hiring of three Emergency Room providers is now possible. A copy of the analysis and interim proposal is attached.

**Basic Health Sponsorship Program** – Tenise Kessler, Business Office Manager, informed us that further meetings with Mike Hassing are scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> (afternoon), February 15<sup>th</sup> (afternoon), and February 22<sup>nd</sup> (morning).

**Surgery Update** – Dr. Wheeler has reported that he is very pleased with the schedule changes we have made for general surgery and the quality of the Surgery Staff. Copy of his e-mail attached.

**Orthopedic Surgery Update** – Cariboo Trail LLC is planning to sponsor an orthopedic surgery resident in medical school for four years in exchange for a commitment of several years of work in Okanogan County. The estimated costs would be \$17,000 per year per member hospital (split between five hospitals).

**Grants / Appropriations** – I contacted Senator Murray’s office and was informed that they are not processing requests for “bricks and mortar” at this time but would consider requests for innovative programs and equipment required to support them. An application has been received with an end of February deadline. Barbara Engstrom has reported that we should receive information on the Community Development Block Grant in March. She has also submitted the request to the Murdock Foundation for \$250,000 to support patient care areas.

**Recruitment** – See attached Recruitment Report

Respectfully,

Warner Bartleson