

North Valley Hospital District

Okanogan County Public Hospital District No. 4
North Valley Hospital/Clinic Division; and North Valley Long Term Care Division
Administration Boardroom - In Person & Virtual Attendance

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

November 30, 2023 7:00 PM

Vision

Exceptional care that enhances the well-being of our communities.

Mission

Cultivate healthcare rooted in compassion, stewardship, and excellence.

Values

Trust-Accountability-Integrity-Safety-Diversity-Viability

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

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| Jean Pfeifer-President | Adam Tibbs |
| Jerry Bradley-Vice President | Vicki Lewis |
| Dick Larson-Secretary | |

Call Meeting to Order- J. Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. V. Lewis read the Vision, Mission, Values statement.

- I. **Public Participation** – according to Resolution No. 488-Public Participation Policy
J. Pfeifer asked for questions or comments from the public, there were none.
- II. **Reports:**
 - a. Administration Report-
In addition to the written report, J. McReynolds, CEO, provided an update on COVID activity in the hospital and nursing home, which could impact the residents' holiday party. He spoke on some of the differences from the initial outbreak in 2020.
J. McReynolds reported on a survey being done by the WA AG office regarding abortion services required by facilities that offer OB services. He noted that NVH did not receive a letter but wanted the Commissioners to have a level of awareness on the topic; there's no impact expected for NVH.
There was discussion about the recent failed TRH bond initiative. J. McReynolds noted the topic will be a discussion at the next Long Range Focus committee.
J. McReynolds reminded everyone of the Give NCW fundraising campaign.

- b. Financial Report- Matthew Matthiessen, CFO, reported three months' financials (June, July, August) were presented at today's finance committee meeting. He highlighted the net loss increase is primarily due to higher contractuals; he intends to do further analysis. The eight-month YTD combined loss is -\$738K. He noted LTC volume is below the goal of 40 residents, and new admissions are currently on hold until the COVID outbreak is over. He reported October's inpatient volumes rebound some; the increase in cash in October was a result of strong collections; and noted two unique events: Swinerton construction project payment and tentative Cost Report payment.
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance- J. Bradley noted M. Matthiessen highlighted everything presented at the committee meeting.
 - ii. Foundation- D. Larson reported the Foundation continues to look for new members and donations. J. McReynolds added the Foundation's annual fundraising letter was sent out.
 - iii. Long Range Focus- V. Lewis noted TRH bond issue was the main topic of discussion.
 - iv. Medical Staff- D. Larson and V. Lewis shared appreciation for in-person attendance. D. Larson spoke on patient transfers and peer review. There was discussion on updated requirements to the Death with Dignity Act. J. McReynolds noted the hospital has complied with the updates.
 - v. Safety- V. Lewis recognized Kim Jacobs, safety officer, for her efforts to have an interactive committee. She shared tips on staying healthy during the holidays, a topic included at the committee meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes-October 26, 2023
- b. Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes-November 2, 2023
J. Bradley moved to approve the minutes of October 26th and November 2nd, 2023; D. Larson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Bad Debt \$54,583.98
- b. Charity Care \$53,135.19
- c. NVH A/P Vouchers No. 121255-121569 \$3,077,102.18
- d. LTC A/P Vouchers No. 23506-23584 \$ 471,362.74

J. Pfeifer noted the expenses were reviewed at the Finance committee. J. Bradley moved to approve the consent agenda items; A. Tibbs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Medical Staff
Courtesy Appointment
Joe Pastrano, MD – Radia, Inc.

D. Larson noted the application has been reviewed by Medical Staff and recommended approval as applied for. J. Bradley moved to approve the appointment as applied for; V. Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There was discussion on radiologist coverage.


- b. **Consider Resolution 746-Declaration & Disposition of Surplus**

After one of the listed item descriptions was clarified, J. Bradley moved to approve Resolution 746; D. Larson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Pfeifer reminded the Board the next meeting is rescheduled to December 21st.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

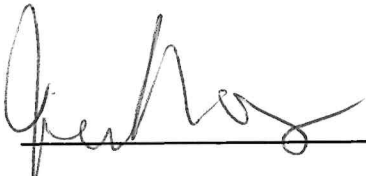
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