

North Valley Hospital District

Okanogan County Public Hospital District No. 4

North Valley Hospital/Clinic Division; and North Valley Long Term Care Division

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Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting

October 27, 2022 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:

Jean Pfeifer	Adam Tibbs
Jerry Bradley	Vicki Lewis
Dick Larson	

Public Hearing-2023 Budget

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

John McReynolds, CEO, commented on the challenge of building a budget while considering the impacts from COVID, and noted that the District is required to have an approved budget by November 15th.

Alan Ulrich, CFO, explained the budget is a tool to help Administration and the Board to manage the district's finances. He presented the FY2023 preliminary budget as submitted. A proposed revision was discussed that would reflect an accelerated increase in nurse wages.

J. Pfeifer asked for questions from the public. A public participant thanked the Administration for the detailed budget document. There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Adjourn Public Hearing – Call Regular Meeting to Order - At 7:42pm, J. Pfeifer adjourned the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

- 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, John McReynolds, CEO, provided updates on the CHART model, a MCR proposed alternative payment method, and noted that he will not be recommending participation at this time as changes are needed before moving forward but he will continue to stay engaged with the advisory group.

J. McReynolds shared information from the WSHA financial survey which reported hospitals are seeing historic levels of loss and that traveler staffing has had a big impact on finances. He shared Confluence's staffing change in the PCU and possible effects it could have on NVH.

J. McReynolds reported that NVH staff continue training in preparation for the change in anesthesia services.

A COVID IC meeting will be held on Friday, October 28th to reevaluate processes as the State of Emergency ends October 31, 2022. J. McReynolds explained that when the various governing agencies disagree, NVH will follow the most stringent requirements and expects some form of universal masking requirement to continue.

J. McReynolds gave an update on Administration team staffing. The District welcomed the interim HR Director, Bob Peck, who is covering the duties of J. Gonzales during her absence. Rhonda Piner, EC DNS, has resigned and will be relocating out of the area. Her last day is November 18th. J. McReynolds noted that he has had initial conversations with candidates for this position.

- b. **Commissioner Reports**

J. Bradley reported that B&P topics included the RFM projects and decision to separate out the construction projects; and consideration of a purchase of a commercial building. J. Bradley reported that the quarterly EC QAPI topics included onsite falls, activities, and review of the Casper report.

A. Tibbs reported the capital purchase requests presented in the budget were discussed at B&P. He expressed the District is in tune with anticipated repairs.

A. Tibbs noted topics discussed in Finance included the budget; interim HR

Director and Controller positions; Cerner EHR implementation date; and plans to improve the Extended Care's receivables.

V. Lewis reported the Long Range Focus newsletter has been sent. She reported on the AWPHD all member meeting she attended; noted AWPHD has updated their website to better help hospital districts; and highlighted upcoming webinars. V. Lewis reported that the Safety committee discussed the new security position and continued emphasis on Violence in the Workplace training.

D. Larson reported on the quarterly CQI meeting noting the committee reviewed deficiencies, safety, outcomes, hand hygiene, and physical safety. He reported that the Foundation awarded 3 scholarships. In Med Staff, he reported topics included COVID changes and challenges.

J. Pfeifer attended finance and encouraged Commissioners to attend educational webinars.

c. Financial Report

A. Ulrich reported on the submitted September cash on hand report and explained the MCR pay back was recorded in September financials. A. Ulrich recapped the submitted July financials and noted August financials will be distributed at the next meeting. He announced a Controller will be joining the accounting team in November.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting; September 29, 2022.
D. Larson moved and V. Lewis seconded to approve the Board minutes of September 29, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda:

a. Charity Care	\$ 18,960.70
b. Bad Debt	\$ 262,515.44
c. NVH A/P Voucher No. 116762-116994	\$ 2,733,610.15
d. LTC A/P Vouchers No. 21238-21297	\$ 322,340.53

A. Tibbs moved and D. Larson seconded to approve the consent agenda items a. through d. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of Potential Construction Projects
J. McReynolds, CEO, reported that the hospital bid is expected to go out in early November with the bid opening prior to the holidays. Final DOH approval is still pending. He explained corrections have been made to the initial DOH feedback but the DOH is currently backlogged.

J. McReynolds noted that there was a meeting scheduled to discuss the Extended Care (EC) project and how to get to compliance with code changes. Administration will wait for the hospital's bids to get a better understanding of total costs and bid interest before moving forward with the EC project. He explained the DOC grant will attempt to be re-allocated to the hospital project due to the time allotted to use the funds.

VI. New Business:

- a. Consider Resolution 732 – Authorize Redistricting Commissioner Districts**
J. McReynolds recapped the steps taken to update the boundaries and noted the public hearing was held in September. The County will be notified of the changes once the Resolution has been approved.
J. Pfeifer read the resolves and asked for a motion. D. Larson moved and V. Lewis seconded to approve Resolution 732. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Medical Staff Appointments**
Courtesy Appointment
Charles Stafford, MD – ERx

Courtesy Reappointments
Nathaniel Allen, CRNA – Okanogan Valley Anesthesia
Bradley Goll, CRNA - Okanogan Valley Anesthesia
Steven Lamb, MD – ERx
Michael Squire, MD – Radia
Pedro Vieco, MD – Radia
David Westman, MD – Radia

D. Larson noted the provider applications have been reviewed at Medical Staff and recommended approval as applied for. D. Larson moved and V. Lewis seconded to approve the list of appointments as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Consider Resolution 733- Tax Levy Certification**
J. Pfeifer read the resolves. D. Larson moved and J. Bradley seconded to approve Resolution 733. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Consider Resolution 734- Increase Long Term Care Daily Rates**
J. Pfeifer read the proposed rates within the resolution. V. Lewis moved and D. Larson seconded to approve Resolution 734. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Consider Resolution 735- Increase Hospital Rates and Update Chargemaster**
J. Pfeifer read the resolves. D. Larson moved and A. Tibbs seconded to approve Resolution 735. Motion passed unanimously

f. Consider Resolution 736- Approval of 2023 Budget

A. Tibbs moved to approve Resolution 736. There was discussion clarifying the budget considered for approval includes the accelerated nurse wage increase. J. Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Reschedule November-December Regular Meeting Dates

Commissioners discussed the regular meeting dates for November and December 2022. It was agreed, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, to reschedule the November regular meeting date to Thursday, November 17th and Finance Committee meeting to Monday, November 14th. No changes were made to December's Board meeting schedule.

VII. Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

At 8:33pm J. Pfeifer announced the Commissioners would go into Executive Session. She cited the reason for the session and noted it would take 30 minutes. She invited J. McReynolds, CEO, and A. Ulrich, CFO, to join the Commissioners. At 8:35pm the executive session began. At 9:05pm the executive session ended; Commissioners rejoined the public meeting. J. Pfeifer announced there was no action taken.

VIII. Adjournment: J. Pfeifer adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm

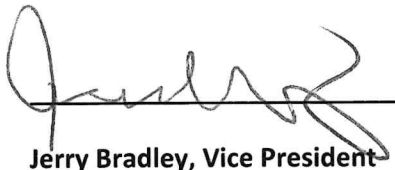
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Jean Pfeifer, President



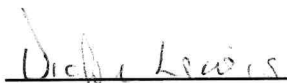
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