

To: Board of Hospital Commissioners

From: Eric Moll

Date: January 23, 2024 Subject: Consent Agenda

Consent agenda for Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 2246128 – 22476583, 243557 – 243570 \$5,139,211.13

Employee Medical 20164 – 20167 \$ 915,771.15

Mason General Hospital write offs for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$1,053,281.85.

Mason Clinic Eye Care, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Podiatry General Surgery write offs for the month December 2023 in the amount \$32,522.52.

Mason General Hospital Family Health Clinic, Olympic Physicians, Shelton Family Medicine write offs for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$50,407.43.

Hoodsport Clinic write offs for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$985.65.

Walk-In Clinic write offs for the month of November 2023 in the amount \$11,922.54.

Miscellaneous

COO

Last week we presented an as needed employment agreement to Dr. Blood to work two weeks per month in Mason Clinic and provide call coverage a minimum of six times per month. You will recall Dr. Blood left Mason Health in October for a position in the Virgin Islands. This has not worked out as she intended, and instead took a position in Florida. She indicated she had time and was interested in returning to Mason in a limited capacity. We are willing to work with Dr. Blood to keep the door open for the future.

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RN negotiations continue and have been collaborative. We are working towards the same goal of providing competitive compensation for our hard-working nurses. The RNs did a very thorough job reviewing the entire contract for content clarity, etc. We are now negotiating the wages. We hope to be done by the end of January with 3 more dates- 23rd, 29th, and 30th.

Filling FTE open positions continues to be a challenge with several nightshift open positions in multiple departments. We are covering those open positions with travelers, per diem, and extra shifts for current nurses.

I participated in a panel discussion at the State of Reform in Seattle a few weeks ago. It was a full room, and the audience was engaged with several questions. Gretchen Maliska and I also participated in the first ever podcast conducted by Pat Justis from the Washington State Office of Rural Health. Pat has been one of the HSA's biggest supporters, spreading information nationally about the program. I will share a link when the podcast is released.

Mason County remains in a Green status for Covid admissions. We have been proactive with communication, signage, etc. in case the status moved to yellow or red, requiring us to implement masking in all patient care areas. As long as the county is in a Green status, we will not need to implement masking again.