

BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

September 26, 2023

Those in attendance were Hospital Commissioners Darrin Moody, Gayle Weston, and Don Welander. Also present were Eric Moll, Mason Health CEO; Mark Batty, Mason Health COO; Steve Leslie, Mason Health CFO; Dean Gushee, Mason Health CMO; Mel Strong, Mason Health CNO; Robert Johnson, Legal Counsel and Shelly Dunnington, Senior Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance: David Imus and Dang Ta, Wipfli

Darrin Moody called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:02 a.m.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve September 12, 2023 as presented.

Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar

Don Welander attended BOHC on September 12, 2023, QIC on September 19, 2023 and 1:1 w/ Eric Moll on September 25, 2023.

Gayle Weston attended BOHC on September 12, 2023 and Finance Committee Meeting on September 20, 2023.

Darrin Moody attended BOHC on September 12, 2023, Construction Committee Meeting on September 18, 2023 and 1:1 w/ Eric on September 25, 2023.

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the September 26, 2023, consent agenda.

Legal Counsel –

The Board went into executive session at 8.06 a.m. to discuss pending litigation RCW 42.30.110 (i) for 5 minutes.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:11 a.m.

CEO's Report – Eric Moll shared that he will be doing a day trip tomorrow to Kansas City for Rural Healthcare Association annual meeting to discuss the value base payment model.

Monthly Reports –

- a. Financials – Steve Leslie presented the board financials for the period ended August 31, 2023. Service volumes were down for most areas for the month of August; however, expenses were also less than budget and non-operating gains were greater than budget. Consequently, the operating margin remains positive year-to-date. Steve reviewed performance by area and detailed operating revenues, expenses, operating income, non-operating gains, and net income. Other metrics reviewed included net days in accounts receivable and days cash on hand. Mason Health continues to project positive cash flow for calendar year 2023.

Old Business – None

New Business

- a. Mason Health Campus Master Capital Plan - Steve Leslie went over projects, process and timing including how prioritization was assessed. Moving Birth Center from Priority B to Priority A since they are small things that need to be done. A request is for a conceptual approval of the plan and an increase in the 2023 capital budget of \$164,100 to engage planning resources for the first two projects. The Commissioners “thanked” Steve for all his work around the campus master capital plan.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve to increase in the 2023 capital budget of \$164,100 to engage planning resources for the first two projects.

- b. Single Audit Report by Wipfli – David Imus and Dang Ta from Wipfli joined our meeting. Dang reviewed the Single Audit. Content included the definitions, SEFA review, required reports, and recommendations/best practices, covering FY2022. There was one finding related to provider relief funds. The issue was a number transposition related to Covid relief funds. The error has been corrected and is not considered a material weakness in internal controls or compliance. Kudos were given to Ruth Vierela and the finance team who participated in the audit.

- c. Budget Amendment – FTE - Mark Batty recommend increasing to the 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$22,277.00 to approve a full-time Care Coordinator Nurse to serve Annual Wellness Visits patients and function as a care manager in the new Care Team Model being developed to increase Provider retention.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve to increase 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$22,277.00 to approve a full time Care Coordinator Nurse to serve Annual Wellness Visits patients.

Administration Roundtable

Steve Leslie shared he is deep in the budget and hoping to have final numbers by end of the day Thursday, September 28, 2023. Getting close to having a budget proposal for 2024.

Mark Batty shared some of the recruiting efforts and why it is important for the Mason Clinic build out that Steve Leslie shared in the campus master plan. Dr. Blood will be leaving 10/9 and Dr. Hassounah starts in late October. Jennifer Fitchitt and Christine Dawson have done a good job to make sure we have locums coverage. Cardiology services to join us in January 2024. We will be ordering the newest strain of the COVID vaccination there will be a charge to patients now as we have to pay for the vaccination.

Dr. Dean Gushee attended the Oracle conference last week with Colby Snyder, CIO. Dean did a talk at the conference regarding our domain and optimization.

Mel Strong shared next week we will start RN negotiations. Mel Strong will be attending a couple conferences DNV and PENW.

Mel Strong will be putting together the NURT committee again.

Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BY: _____

Attest: _____
