

## **BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS**

**January 23, 2024**

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, Mel Strong, Mason Health CNO, Robert Johnson, Legal Counsel and Shelly Dunnington, Senior Executive Assistant and Peggy Utesch, CFO Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance:

Gayle Weston called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:01 a.m. Shelly Dunnington asked to add the Financial Assistance for the Uninsured & Underinsured to the board agenda under New Business for approval and discussion on the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve January 9, 2023 as presented.**

### **Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar**

Don Welander attended BOHC on January 9, 2024, Chamber Gala on January 12, 2024 and met with Eric Moll 1:1 on January 22, 2024.

Gayle Weston attended BOHC on January 9, 2024, Finance Committee on January 17, 2024 and met with Eric Moll on January 22, 2024.

Darrin Moody attended BOHC on January 9, 2024 and Warrants on January 17, 2024.

### **Public Comments – None**

### **Consent Agenda**

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the January 23, 2024 consent agenda as presented.**

### **Legal Counsel – None**

### **CEO's Report -**

- a. Blue Zone's - Eric Moll shared that the Community Kick Off Event on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 10am – 12:30 p.m. This will take place at the Mason County Senior Activities Center. Eric expressed the good work David Windom is doing on this project, which allows us to have this community kick off.
- b. Eric Moll shared there are three bills that WSHA are taking to the legislature to advocate, Charity Care Bill SB 6257, Merger Affiliation Bill SB 5241; Health Professional Wellness Program SB122.
- c. Eric Moll updated the committee on work being done by the construction committee on meeting rooms at the hospital, including historic usage and current master planning changes that are being planned. Consensus was to move forward with the 1285 sf meeting space capacity as a preliminary guiding number. Analysis and a recommendation will be brought to the 2/27 meeting.

### **Monthly Reports – None**

### **Old Business – None**

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**New Business**

- a. Financial Assistance for the Uninsured & Underinsured Policy – Discussion included proof of residency and removal of geographic restriction language, to align with WSHA guidelines. **It was moved, seconded and approved to make the policy changes as presented.**
- b. February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting - A recommendation to cancel the February 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and reconvened again on February 27, 2024.  
**It was moved, seconded and voted approve cancelling the February 13, 2024 regular meeting.**

**Administration Roundtable**

- Melissa Strong, CNO provided updates on RN union negotiations, staffing changes in her departments and the challenging recruiting environment.
- Mark Batty, COO provided updates on provider recruitment and implementation of cardiology services. The board gave conceptual support for Mark to move forward with a budget amendment to be presented at the second February board meeting.
- Steve Leslie, CFO responded to a question from Gayle on the increase in Charity Care write-offs. He also provided updates on Patient Financial Services department staffing changes, retirement plan record keeper change, space planning and capital projects.

**Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.**

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OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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