

BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2024

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

Others in attendance: David Imus, WIPFLI, Dang Ta, WIPFLI and Ruth Vierela, Director of Finance

Gayle Weston called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Review and Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, meeting as presented.

Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar

Darrin Moody attended BOHC Meeting on September 10, 2024, met with a community member on September 11, 2024, participated in the Construction Meeting on September 16, 2024, attended the Special Health Department Meeting and Master Plan Meeting on September 17, 2024, and the Centennial Guild Golf Tournament on September 23, 2024.

Gayle Weston attended BOHC on September 10, 2024, the Finance Committee on September 18, 2024, the Centennial Guild Golf Tournament September 23, 2024 and will meet w/State Auditor for risk assessment later today.

Don Welander attended the BOHC meeting on September 10, 2024, the Chamber After Hour Business event on September 11, 2024, QIC on September 17, 2024 and the Centennial Guild Golf Tournament on September 23, 2024.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the Consent Agenda for September 24, 2024, as presented.

Legal Counsel – None

CEO's Report -

- a. Mobile Integrated Health - Eric Moll provided an update on the Mobile Integrated Health program, explaining that EMT services are rapidly evolving as part of a patient-centered, mobile care delivery model in the out-of-hospital environment. The focus is on integrating the mobile clinic with emergency departments and primary care. A proforma analysis is being prepared to determine cost-effectiveness.
- b. TRC Retreat – Eric Moll discussed the Rural Collaborative (TRC) Retreat, highlighting how the collaborative can assist with contract management and negotiations. He emphasized the collective power hospitals gain by working together. Brad Becker's contributions, particularly with his part-time work for both the organization and the collaborative, were praised.

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CEO's Report (continues)

Eric Moll also shared updates on discussions to increase Critical Access bed occupancy from 25 and provided a status report on COO recruiting efforts.

Monthly Reports –

- a. Financials – Steve Leslie provided a summary of the August financials.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- a. WIPFLI Single Audit Presentation - David Imus and Dang Ta from WIPFLI presented the Single Audit. Congratulations were given to Steve Leslie, Ruth Vierela, and the team for completing the audit with no findings. Steve Leslie specifically recognized Ruth Vierela for her work on the Covid-related Single Audit.
- b. Budget Amendment – Cardiology – Ortho Medical Assistant – Mark Batty recommended to increase to the 2024 operating budget in the amount of \$19,365 (\$77,459 annually) in salary and benefits to hire a 1.0 FTE Medical Assistant to support the Cardiology and Orthopedic and Cardiology Service lines.
It was moved, seconded and voted to approve increase the 2024 operating budget in the amount of \$19,365 in salary and benefits to hire a 1.0 FTE Medical Assistant to support the Cardiology, Orthopedic and Cardiology Service lines.

Administration Roundtable

Mark Batty shared that Dr. Kym Walker has joined the Women's Clinic and will be a strong addition to the team.

Mark Batty also shared that Cheryl Wood will be stepping down from her director role and transitioning to part-time as a Physical Therapist, allowing her to begin her retirement and spend more time as a grandmother.

An Ophthalmologist will be visiting the facility for a tour today, and interviews are being conducted with a 2025 graduate for an additional Ophthalmologist position.

Kirsten Garza, a Behavioral Health Psychiatrist NP, has resigned. Her position will be filled by a Therapist/Social Worker.

The Genetic Health Foundation process will be changing, allowing patients to complete Telehealth visits from home rather than at the clinic. The Karen Hilburn Foundation has an application for patients needing financial assistance. The contract with the Genetic Health Foundation will November 1, 2024.

Dr. Cuevas shared that a fellowship relationship is being developed with Alpine Way.

Mel Strong reported that the hospital continues to experience high census levels, and the nurses are working together effectively.

Mel Strong announced that Molly May has been hired as a supervisor for Surgical Services.

Administration Roundtable (continued)

Mel Strong also noted that union negotiations are ongoing, but progress is being made.

Pay by the Minute will go live in January 2025, potentially increasing managers' workload slightly.

Steve Leslie mentioned that his current focus is the 2025 Budget, with a deeper analysis of pay practices underway alongside the new CHRO, Carolyn McCain.

Adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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