

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Held on January 4, 2010

Attendance:

Commissioner G. Sue Bowman, Commissioner-at-large
Commissioner Aaron Heide, M.D., Commissioner-at-large
Commissioner Anthony R. Hemstad, Commissioner, District No. 3
Commissioner Donald O. Jacobson, President, Commissioner, District No. 1
Commissioner Carolyn V. Parnell, Secretary, Commissioner, District No. 2
Paul S. Hayes, R.N., Executive Vice President
Kathryn D. Beattie, M.D., Senior Vice President - Chief Medical Officer
Scott Alleman, R.N., Senior Vice President – Patient Care Services
L. Michael Glenn, Senior Vice-President – Business Development
Paul Larson, Senior Vice President – Clinic Network
Barbara Mitchell, Senior Vice President – HR and Marketing
Amin Hakim, M.D., Vice President/Chief Medical Director – Clinic Network
Robert L. Thompson, M.D., Vice President – Physician Relations
David E. Smith – General Counsel
Kim Blakeley, Public Relations Manager
Sandra Sward, Assistant to CEO and Board of Commissioners

Those present for a portion of the meeting:

Cory Cappelletti, Citizen
Chris Clifford, Citizen
Cynamon Quinton, Citizen
Jeff Wong, Finance

This meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 1 of King County was opened by President Bowman at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Valley Medical Center.

Oath of Office

Aaron Heide, MD, Commissioner-at-large, repeated the Oath of Office as administered by President Jacobson.

Election of Officers

Motion

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Bowman to the office of President for 2010.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Parnell to the office of Vice-President for 2010.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Jacobson to the office of Secretary for 2010.

President Bowman thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and welcomed Commissioner Heide to the Board. President Bowman stated her complete confidence in

Superintendent Roodman and his leadership team at Valley Medical Center, hoping the Board could work together for the good of the medical center and not use the Commissioner office for a political platform.

Motion

Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009. Motion carried.

Community Affairs

Ms. Blakeley reported on community outreach activities of the Public Relations and Marketing Department as follows:

Newcastle Primary Care Clinic will be participating in the Coal Creek YMCA Health fair at the end of January.

Preliminary tally indicates positive television and print media about VMC in 2009 has more than doubled since early 2008.

Programs

Community Opinion Survey:

Ms. Mitchell introduced Stuart Elway, Principal of Elway Research. Mr. Elway explained the public opinion survey conducted by telephone within the District, between October 26-28, 2009; noting the results are statistically reliable. Statistics provided were compared to other medical centers in the South King County area. VMC continues to dominate the market with "advertisement recall". Valley's reputation has grown significantly in the last four (4) years with both patients and non-patients and overall reputation ratings continue to increase, with a 2% improvement in the "very good" rating, over 2008. The Covington clinic experienced the greatest increase in new patients, based on the population surveyed. The overall community reputation reflected 84% of those with an opinion related VMC to be good or very good. Mr. Elway stated that this is an exceptional achievement of community support.

Medical Affairs

Quality Management Update

Dr. Beattie provided an update on Infection Control: increased focus on hand hygiene has resulted in hospital-wide improvement, 2010 Washington State MRSA requirements have been successfully implemented and catheter associated urinary tract infections have been reduced significantly subsequent to central line care bundle changes. The organizational focus with prevention and reduction of infections have produced significant outcomes and reductions.

Reports

Reports from Administration

Financial Affairs

Bills/Vouchers

MOTION

The Board, by motion, approved payments of the following bills and vouchers:

S.D. Deacon Corp. of Washington
 Renton Landing Clinic, Application No. 3 \$319,166.09

	WARRANTS			
	FROM	TO	DATED	AMOUNT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2134263	2134494	12/17/2009	2,086,402.31
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2134495	2134495	12/17/2009	580,240.10
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2134496	2134453	12/22/2009	2,756,543.52
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2134554	2134554	12/22/2009	62,000.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2134555	2134674	12/29/2009	1,336,843.85
 TOTAL AP				 6,822,029.78
PAYROLL				13,638,665.34
GRAND TOTAL AP and EFT/WIRES				\$20,779,861.21

Operations Update

Mr. Hayes shared portions of patient letters that were sent to VMC. A stroke patient wrote about his care in stroke and speech therapy for over a year and a half, commenting on the outstanding care and compassion he experienced as he underwent therapy. An ED patient's daughter, who has been a nurse for over 35 years, wrote to thank Valley for the quality of nursing she evidenced while her mother was here.

Mr. Hayes provided an overview of patient volumes for December, including projected versus actual volumes and the comparison between 2008 and 2009. Acute days, neonatology, births and OR minutes were above budget for 2009. Valley is currently assessing criteria recently published by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposing stimulus funds for providers and hospitals who deploy electronic health records in the care of their patients. Hospitals have twenty-three (23) unique criteria and physicians have twenty-five (25) criteria. We have begun an assessment of compliance with the proposed requirements.

Recess President Bowman called for a brief recess at 4:21 p.m.

Reconvened The meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

Patient Care Services

Mr. Alleman provided updates on transitioning services into the Emergency Services South Tower. Valley will accept financial possession of the facility on January 25, the same date that a staff re-bid will occur. Positions for the staffing re-bid have been finalized for each unit, based on census forecast. The Emergency Department will open on February 25. Departments are scheduled to move every 15-30 days following the opening of the ED.

Clinic Network

Mr. Larson reported on the final primary care clinic implementation for the Electronic Medical Record (EMR). After Lake Sawyer Clinic goes "live" next week, the Practice Partner EMR will be assessed for program and workflow processes that are working well,

and areas where adjustment and/or improvement are needed. As the EMR has been implemented across both primary and urgent care settings, advantages and disadvantages have become more evident. Currently, the prescription writer portion of the software program requires additional work to alleviate time consuming work-arounds. Mr. Larson noted that aggregate data identified through the implementation process will help provide the information required to streamline the prescription writer portion of the software.

The Renton Landing Clinic is scheduled to open February 15. Mr. Larson explained a potential problem involving moisture in the foundation flooring. Results from tests conducted this week will determine if further rework is required prior to interior finishing.

Business Development

Mr. Glenn provided an update on the Department of Health licensed bed status. We have submitted a letter to the DOH, explaining our position and the history regarding Valley's licensing for 303 beds. Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Smith will be traveling to Olympia this week to meet with DOH officials on this subject.

The Stand Alone Emergency Department (SAED) project in Covington continues with preliminary design discussions. Fit and access of the real estate and financial discussions are underway.

Recruitment Update

Dr. Thompson reported on recruiting activities, which are currently being focused primarily in the primary care area. Current candidates are not available until mid-summer and the demand for services continues to exceed current capacity. Dr. Thompson noted that long term efforts will undoubtedly include focusing on neurology and obstetrics as well.

HR & Marketing

Ms. Mitchell reported on the upcoming Emergency Services South Tower ribbon cutting event on January 11. The general public open house will be held the following Saturday, January 16. The Commissioners are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to the open house event which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Mitchell introduced a video taped in late December for all VMC staff, physicians and volunteers by Superintendent Roodman providing an update on the economy, the state of healthcare and the medical center specifically. Ms. Mitchell stressed the importance of keeping Valley staff informed and noted examples such as This Week at Valley and Valley Times as avenues of effective staff communication. The video was viewed by the Board.

Recess

President Bowman called for a brief recess at 5:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 5:20 p.m. and met in Executive Session from 5:20 to 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing specific real estate issues permitted by RCW.42.30.110(b) and (c).

Reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Hemstad congratulated Commissioner Heide on his election to the Board and stated his encouragement for the Board to work collaboratively in the coming year.

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Commissioner Heide indicated his support of Valley and his willingness to serve in the best interest of the medical center.

Recess President Bowman called for a brief recess at 5:35 p.m.

Reconvened The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

At 6:00 p.m. President Bowman called for public comment. There was none.

Adjournment There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn this meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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