

“Caring for Our Community Like Family”



Valley Board of Trustees
MINUTES
February 16, 2021

Board Members Present

REMOTE: Erin Aboudara, Carol Barber, Lisa Brandenburg, Bernie Dochnahl, Janet Evans, Jim Griggs, Shamsou Issak, Gary Kohlwes, Lawton Montgomery, Vicki Orrico (Chair), Julia Patterson, Donna Russell, Todd Starkey

Board Members Absent

None.

Others Present

IN PERSON: Jeannine Grinnell

REMOTE: Theresa Braungardt, Wayne Manuel, Matt Mulder, MD, Hiroshi Nakano, Liz Nolan, James Park, MD, Kalen Privatsky, Rich Roodman, David Smith

Recorder

Erica Duston

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Vicki Orrico, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. IN MEMORY OF “DR. BOB” THOMPSON

Jeannine Grinnell spoke about Dr. Bob’s unexpected passing and significant impact on Valley and the community across multiple generations. A photo montage in tribute to Dr. Bob’s legacy was played before the board. The board members and multiple attendees took turns sharing memories about Dr. Bob.

3. CONSENT AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Jim Griggs moved to approve the consent agenda and Julia Patterson seconded the motion. The items moved for adoption were:

- Minutes of January 19, 2021
- Financial Bills/Warrants/Vouchers
- Surplus Property Resolution No. 0109
- Call for Bid: Diagnostic and Treatment of 4th Angio Suite

The motion carried, 13-0.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Vicki Orrico reported that a change is being made to the way board members vote on action items as it pertains to record keeping. Each board member will announce their name at the time their vote is cast.

Ms. Orrico stated that the board will take the time at the end of each meeting to share information as the Eyes and Ears of the Community. She also stated that one or two board seats are coming available in July and invited the board to recommend potential new board members. Ms. Orrico updated the board on the CEO search. Our search consultant, Jim Gauss, has been actively sourcing and vetting candidates. He is now entering into candidate interviews and initial reference checking.

Finance, Facilities & Audit Committee

Jim Griggs reported that January had a net loss of \$5.9M, and a YTD loss of \$5.8M. Medicare was lower in the payer mix while Medicaid was higher. Cash on hand is at 106 days. Approximately \$19M in stimulus funds have certain criteria that need to be met before we can claim those funds. We are confident that we will meet those criteria. Valley purchased 100,000 fraudulent masks as the result of a nationwide counterfeit N95 mask scam, but only nineteen fraudulent masks made it into service. Jeannine Grinnell provided a FY22 Operating Budget Update as well as an SAO Audit update.

Joint Conference Committee

Bernie Dochnahl reported that she will begin sending monthly draft JCC agendas to the committee for their input. The committee received an informative presentation on Valley's Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The committee also received an in-depth presentation on C. difficile and the challenges related to managing infection in a hospital setting. The committee also discussed the role of the board in community and patient feedback, and steps it can take to ensure this feedback is being heard.

5. INFORMATION REPORTS

UW Medicine Update

Lisa Brandenburg reported on the decrease in COVID-19 cases across the UW Medicine system and 82,000 administered doses. Vaccine supply is significantly constrained making it difficult to administer 2nd doses. The D1 project is approaching its 'go live' date on March 27th. There is an issue with patient discharge across the UW Medicine system that is backing up hospitals.

Administrative Update

Jeannine Grinnell shared highlights from the Organization and Operational update including a peer review task force that met with a consultant to work on elevating and restructuring VMC's Peer Review program and OPPE reports. TeamSTEPPS – first topic of the quarter 'Closed Loop Communication' was presented at the Management Team meeting for leaders to cascade to teams. Valley reached an agreement on a successor CBA with the International Union of Operating Engineers. Valley also completed bargaining with the OPEIU. Valley recognized World Cancer Day with a promotion to schedule mammograms and celebrated Black History Month with what it means to our Black staff members at Valley.

Chair of the Board

Vicki Orrico asked the board if they have anything to share as the Eyes and Ears of the Community. Shamso Issak shared that members of our community who speak English as a second language are finding it difficult to schedule the vaccine. A longer discussion ensued about the various ways to tackle this issue. It was suggested that the board needs to connect with individuals of color in our community, as well as professionals in our community, and other boards that our members serve on.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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All reports and presentations reviewed by this committee were in draft format, unless otherwise noted in these minutes.