



# Washington Township Health Care District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018– 6:00 P.M.**

**Board Room, 2000 Mowry Avenue**

### AGENDA

#### PRESENTED BY:

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| <p><b>I. CALL TO ORDER &amp;<br/>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>II. ROLL CALL</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>III. COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p>A. Oral</p> <p>B. Written</p>   |   |
| <p><b>IV. CLOSED SESSION</b></p> <p>A. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) (1 matter)</p> <p>B. Conference involving a trade secret pursuant to Health &amp; Safety Code section 32106</p> <p>C. Report on personnel matters, Cal Gov. Code Section 54957</p> | <p>Nancy Farber<br/>Chief Executive Officer</p> |
| <p><b>V. OPEN SESSION</b></p> <p>Report on Closed Session</p>  | <p>Michael Wallace<br/>Board Member</p>         |
| <p><b>VI. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>  | <p>Michael Wallace<br/>Board Member</p>         |

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
**PRIORITIES & PROGRESS REPORT**  
**November 21, 2018**

**I. LEGISLATION**

**Federal and Local Economic Update**

The national economic outlook remains cautiously optimistic. The national labor market continues to show strong job growth, a very low unemployment rate, historically low unemployment claims, and wages that have grown at their fastest year-over-year rate in nearly a decade. The global economy is beginning to show signs that the international economy may enter into a period of slower economic growth in 2019, due in part to the tariff maneuvers over the past months. The Federal Reserve is also expected to stay the course on interest rate adjustments and it is likely we will see a quarter point increase in December.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics job report showed the U.S. economy created 250,000 jobs in October, as the unemployment rate remained at 3.7%, the lowest national unemployment rate since 1969. Hourly wage growth picked up compared to the anemic trend we have seen the past several years, growing by 3.1% over the prior year. The national economic expansion is now the second-longest on record, and October marked the 97<sup>th</sup> straight month of hiring, a record. Claims for U.S. jobless benefits continue to remain at historically low levels, coming in recently at 214,000. The four-week moving average, a less volatile measure, rose slightly to 213,750. The national housing market continues to show early signs that regions of the country are headed for a housing market slowdown, as rising interest rates, coupled with high home values and a slump in new building, are keeping affordable supply at bay and would-be homebuyers are waiting for an expected decline in prices in the coming year.

The California economy showed job growth again in September (state unemployment data lags national data by a month), adding 13,200 jobs as the state's unemployment rate declined to a 42-year low of 4.1% from 4.2% in the previous month. This is the 102<sup>nd</sup> straight month of employment expansion for the State. Wage growth within the state picked up in September, showing a year-over-year rise of 3.6%. Similar to the national market, the California housing market is strong, however there are continued signs that we have entered into a market slowdown, a trend which will likely continue into 2019.

Locally, the District's unemployment rate declined in September (local unemployment data lags national data by a month) dropping to 2.6% from 2.8% in the previous month. Just over 5,000 District residents in the labor force are unemployed.

Analysis of all of the economic measures included above is ongoing and carefully monitored for potential impacts to hospitals and opportunities for Washington to contribute expertise and advocacy through our elected officials.

## **State and Federal Legislative Update**

### **CA Legislature**

The California legislature is currently on recess and will reconvene on January 7, 2019. The midterm elections were held earlier this month and as anticipated Gavin Newsom was elected Governor. It is anticipated that many of the healthcare-related legislation we have seen introduced unsuccessfully over the past couple of years, including single-payer and universal coverage, will be reintroduced next session as legislators will be working to get bills to the Governor's desk in 2019 that had failed previously with Governor Brown.

### **Federal Legislature**

Democrats took control of the House of Representatives in this month's election, while Republicans retained control of the Senate. The federal legislature will return to Washington D.C. for a few weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday, and will be on recess from December 14 until early in January, 2019. With a divided Congress, it is anticipated that more controversial legislation, such as the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, will see slower progress next year than over the past couple of years. However, it is anticipated that some healthcare-related legislation, such as the revamping of the prescription drug program 340B, will continue to progress through both chambers in the coming year.

## **II. FOUNDATION**

### **Critical Care Capital Campaign**

The capital campaign has been under way for two years now and has raised \$5.56 million from community donors, physicians and employees. Our stretch goal for the campaign is \$7.5 million.

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Top Hat Dinner Dance**

After expenses, this year's Top Hat gala raised over \$190,000 for medical equipment in the new ICU/CCU in the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion. 715 guests attended the dinner dance.

### **Trees of Angels Celebrations**

The Trees of Angels celebrations begin very soon. The dates for the events are as follows:

1. November 23: Niles Festival of Lights Parade (WHHS is the presenting sponsor). The tree lighting is at 6:00 PM and the parade begins at 6:30 PM
2. November 26, 6:00 PM: Tree lighting at the Bernardin Family McDonalds Restaurant
3. November 29, 5:30 PM: Tree lighting at Washington West
4. December 3, 6:30 PM: Tree lighting at Newark City Hall
5. December 5, 6:00 PM: Tree lighting at Union City City Hall

In addition, on December 6, the Foundation will attend the annual tree lighting at the Masonic Home (6:00 PM) and the annual menorah lighting hosted by Chabad House (5:30 PM, Townfair Plaza, 39100 State Street, Fremont)