

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 via Zoom. Director Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led those in attendance of the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call was taken: Directors present: Bernard Stewart, DDS; Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD; Jeannie Yee

ROLL CALL

Excused: Jacob Eapen, MD

Also present: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer; Cheryl Renaud, District Clerk

Guests: Shirley Ehrlich, Debbie Feary, John Boyko, Dr. Shakir Hyder, Larry LaBossiere, Paul Kozachenko, Tom McDonagh, Tina Nunez, Chris Henry, Angus Cochran, Dr. Jeannie Ahn, Gina Gholston, Gisela Hernandez, Mary Bowron, John Lee, Walter Choto, Nick Legge, Donald Pipkin, Tigist Awel, John Zubiena, Felipe Villanueva, Marcus Watkins, Kel Kanady, Dr. Brian Smith, Dan Nardoni, and Sri Boddu.

Director Stewart welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting. He noted that in order to continue to protect the health and safety of the members of the Board, District staff, and members of the public from the dangers posed by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the Brown Act allows a local agency to continue to hold its meetings remotely as opposed to being required to meet in-person. Section 54953(e)(3) of the Government Code requires that the Board make certain findings every 30 days to continue meeting remotely. One such finding is that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” The Alameda County Health Officer continues to recommend social distancing and the wearing of masks indoors, as referenced by the Alameda County Health Care Services Public Health Department COVID-19 website at www.covid-19.acgov.org.

OPENING REMARKS

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors make the finding required by Section 54953(e)(3)(B)(ii) of the Government Code that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
Michael Wallace – aye
William Nicholson, MD – aye
Jacob Eapen, MD – excused
Jeannie Yee – aye

Motion Approved.

Director Stewart noted that Public Notice for this meeting, including connection information, was posted appropriately on our website. This meeting, conducted via Zoom, is being recorded for broadcast at a later date.

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There were no Oral communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
ORAL*

There were no Written communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
WRITTEN*

Director Stewart presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the District Board: January 11, 23 and 25, 2023

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, Item A. Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
Michael Wallace – aye
William Nicholson, MD – aye
Jacob Eapen, MD – excused
Jeannie Yee – aye

Motion Approved.

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Will Cobb (Partner) and Matea Brkic (Assurance Manager) with PricewaterhouseCoopers, who gave a presentation on the Result of the Annual Audit FY 2022. Will Cobb announced that he will issue an unqualified opinion.

*PRESENTATION:
RESULT OF ANNUAL
AUDIT FY 2022*

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the Annual Audit Results for FY 2022 as presented by Will Cobb at the Board Meeting. Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
Michael Wallace – aye
William Nicholson, MD – aye
Jacob Eapen, MD – excused
Jeannie Yee – aye

Motion Approved.

Kimberly Hartz introduced Paul Kozachenko, Washington Hospital's Corporate Attorney. Paul gave a presentation regarding the End of Public Health Emergency Board Meetings 2023.

*PRESENTATION: END
OF PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY BOARD
MEETINGS 2023*

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Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the Board Policy A-017: Use of Teleconferencing During Board Meetings. Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
Michael Wallace – aye
William Nicholson, MD – aye
Jacob Eapen, MD – excused
Jeannie Yee – aye

Motion Approved.

Dr. Shakir Hyder, Chief of Staff, reported there are 599 Medical Staff members including 335 active members.

*MEDICAL STAFF
REPORT*

Debbie Feary, Service League President, stated when she began her term in March of 2021, there were 28 volunteers contributing time to special projects under pandemic conditions. In February of 2023, she reported an increase to 189 Service League volunteers which contributed 2,008 hours to the hospital in the month. This was the first month since the beginning of the pandemic, that 2,000 hours was served.

*SERVICE LEAGUE
REPORT*

In most years, the Service League is able to offer 3-4 scholarships. However, in this 2023-2024 academic year, 8 scholarships are being offered which is made possible by the generosity of our volunteers.

On March 3, 2023, Sheela Vijay will be inducted as the new Service League President. Sheela will be presenting the monthly report on behalf of volunteers. Dr. Stewart thanked Debbie Feary for her partnership and leadership while serving as Serving League President since March of 2021.

Kimberly Hartz introduced John Boyko, Kaizen Promotions Office Director, who presented the Lean/Kaizen Report. He discussed the Evolution of Lean at WHHS and the Key Accomplishments & Milestones since 2014. The Washington Management System includes Accountability, Aligning Purposes and Standardizing Work Processes and Daily Problem Solving. John also spoke on highlights of the Lean Education and Certification Program.

LEAN/KAIZEN REPORT

Kimberly Hartz introduced Dr. Jeannie Ahn, Medical Director of Washington Hospital's Acute Dialysis Services and Medical Director of Davita Fremont Dialysis Fremont Unit. Dr. Ahn presented the annual Quality Report on the Acute Dialysis Services. The Washington Hospital Dialysis Department's Mission is to serve the community by providing high quality care, clinical excellence, and efficiency in the Dialysis Department. She explained the process and different types of dialysis

*QUALITY REPORT:
2023 DIALYSIS ANNUAL
UPDATE*

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including hemodialysis, peritoneal and plasmapheresis. Dr. Ahn discussed the proposed quality measures for FY 2023 in which the indicators are as follows: Patient Education, Compliance with Bacterial/Endotoxin Testing and Chlorine/Chloramine Water Testing, Infection Prevention, Hand Hygiene/PPE and Patient Experience.

Chris Henry, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for December 2022. The average daily inpatient census was 178.3 with admissions of 981 resulting in 5,528 patient days. Outpatient observation equivalent days were 238. The average length of stay was 5.36 days. The case mix index was 1.546. Deliveries were 124. Surgical cases were 362. The Outpatient visits were 8,199. Emergency visits were 5,517. Cath Lab cases were 147. Joint Replacement cases were 155. Neurosurgical cases were 32. Cardiac Surgical cases were 14. Total FTEs were 1,669.3. FTEs per adjusted occupied bed were 5.81.

FINANCE REPORT

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Hospital Operations Report for January 2023. Preliminary information for the month indicated total gross revenue at approximately \$198,055,000 against a budget of \$192,020,000. We had 73 COVID-19 discharges which represented 8% of total discharges. There were 17 flu and 16 RSV discharges representing 3.7% of total discharges.

*HOSPITAL
OPERATIONS REPORT*

The Average Length of Stay was 5.86. The Average Daily Inpatient Census was 165.8. There were 15 discharges with lengths of stay greater than 30 days, ranging from 32-70. Still in house at the end of December were four patients with length of stays of over 30 days and counting (31, 31, 45 and 71).

There were 5,141 patient days. There were 393 Surgical Cases and 155 Cath Lab cases at the Hospital. It was noted that there were 57 cases at the Peninsula Surgery Center in January; contracts with Blue Cross and Blue Shield should be finalized in February.

Deliveries were 101. Non-Emergency Outpatient visits were 8,423. Emergency Room visits were 4,737. Total Government Sponsored Preliminary Payor Mix was 74.0%, against the budget of 71.8%. Total FTEs per Adjusted Occupied Bed were 5.96. The Washington Outpatient Surgery Center had 514 cases and the clinics had approximately 16,141 visits.

There were \$386K in charity care adjustments in January.

December Employee of the Month: Kevin Chow, Lead Clinical Lab Scientist.

*EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH*

Past Health Promotions & Community Outreach Events:

- January 12: Self-Care and Self-Compassion – Keys to Well-being
- January 19: Shoulder Pain – Causes and Treatment Plans
- January 19: Breast Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment
- January 23: Medicare – What You Need to Know

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- January 23 & 25: Washington Sports Medicine –Sports Physicals at Irvington & John F. Kennedy High School
- January 25: Hip Replacements – The Anterior Approach
- January 28: Lunar New Year Celebration hosted by City of Fremont
- February 3: Grief, Loss & Personal Care
- February 3: Sports Safety Presentation for Newark Little League
- February 4: Tattoo Removal Clinic
- February 7: Managing Diabetes

Upcoming Health Promotions & Community Outreach Events:

- February 16: Lung Cancer Detection with Low-Dose CT
- February 23: Staying Heart Healthy
- February 27: Stroke Awareness
- March 8: Life After Stroke

Vaccination Clinic – as of February 2:

- A total of 98,597 COVID vaccine doses have been administered to community members at our vaccination clinic.
- A total of 39 people have received the MPX vaccination.

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation Report - At the Annual Meeting of the Foundation on January 31, 2023, Trustees voted to disburse \$651,723 to the Hospital to support programs such as the outpatient palliative care program, a specialized surgical table for the OR, support for the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion and COVID-19 assistance for N95 masks and isolation gowns.

The Foundation hosted a free charitable giving and estate planning seminar in partnership with estate planner Richard Schachtli at Hopkins Carley, on Tuesday February 7, 2023. 9 people attended. The next free seminar will be held on June 21 at 5pm in Anderson Auditoriums at Washington West.

The Foundation's 36th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday May 4, 2023 at the Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton. Funds raised from the event will support surgical services at Washington Hospital.

There was no closed session of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business, Director Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. *ADJOURNMENT*

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President

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