

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 12, 2024

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 in the Board Room at 2000 Mowry Avenue, Fremont and Zoom access was provided. Director Eapen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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: Jacob Eapen, MD; Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD; Jeannie Yee; Bernard Stewart, DDS

ROLL CALL

Also present: Kimberly Hartz; Larry LaBossiere; Thomas McDonagh; Jessica Haviland; Paul Kozachenko; Terri Hunter; Tina Nunez; Kel Kanady; Gisela Hernandez; Laura Anning; Tammi Tyson; Mary Bowron; Maria Nunes; John Zubiena; Jason Krupp, MD; Donald Pipkin; Sheela Vijay; Felipe Villanueva; Jack Rose, MD; Brian Smith, MD; Mark Saleh, MD; Dan Nardoni; John Lee; Melissa Garcia; Marcus Watkins; Sri Boddu; Shirley Ehrlich

Director Eapen welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting.

OPENING REMARKS

Director Eapen noted that Public Notice for this meeting, including Zoom information, was posted appropriately on our website. This meeting was recorded for broadcast at a later date.

There were no Oral Communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
ORAL*

There were no Written Communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
WRITTEN*

Director Eapen presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the District Board: May 8, 20, 22 & 28, 2024
- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 1262: Calling a District General Election to be Held in Washington Township Health Care District on November 5, 2024
- C. Consideration of Resolution No. 1263: Ordering the Consolidation of the Health Care District General Election to be Held in Washington Township Health Care District of Alameda County, State of California on November 5, 2024, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on November 5, 2024 and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda to Consolidate Said Health Care District General Election with Said Statewide General Election, insofar as the Territory in Which Said Elections Are to be Held Is the Same

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Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, Items A through C. Director Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

Motion Approved.

Dr. Mark Saleh, Chief of Staff, reported that there are 626 Medical Staff members, including 342 active members. Dr. Saleh stated that the general focus for Medical Staff is Trauma Readiness for July 1, 2024. Dr. Saleh also mentioned that the Urology Call Rotation/Schedule is in place.

*MEDICAL STAFF
REPORT*

Sheela Vijay, Service League President, reported that for the month of May, 191 volunteers contributed a total of 1,911 hours. On June 1, 2024, a New Volunteer Orientation was held with 31 high school students, 13 college students and 3 adults in attendance. Sheela also reported that the Infusion Center will be reopening to volunteers. Sheela has already trained one individual who is ready to join in that department and is optimistic in onboarding additional volunteers.

*SERVICE LEAGUE
REPORT*

Sheela highlighted an inspiring story of Karen La, a remarkable young woman who has been awarded a scholarship from Washington Hospital's Service League. Karen has served as a volunteer for about a year and is committed and determined to make a difference in the medical field. Karen is a first-generation student without any family background in healthcare. With neither of her parents graduating high school, she also felt the responsibility as a role model for her younger brother. Her volunteer experience at Washington Hospital marks her first introduction into a healthcare setting and has deeply influenced her aspirations. Karen stated that before receiving this scholarship, she feared the burden of financing her nursing education at CSU East Bay. She is grateful for the money she has received from the Service League Scholarship.

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Dr. Jack Rose, Co-Director of the Stroke Program with Dr. Prabhjot Khalsa. Dr. Rose spoke about the Stroke Program Leadership Structure and the Stroke Program Alert Process. Dr. Rose explained the Washington Hospital Stroke Patient Volume, the Thrombolytic Therapies and Neuroradiology Services. Dr. Rose presented the Outcomes and the Performance Improvements along with the Education for patients, staff and the community.

*QUALITY REPORT:
ANNUAL STROKE
PROGRAM UPDATE*

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Notable Achievements in 2023-2024:

- GWTG Award-Gold Plus Award for Stroke and Target Honor Roll for Diabetes.
- Decreased median time of rapid administration of thrombolytic therapy utilizing IV TNKase.
- Expanded services to San Joaquin Valley, with increased volume of neurointerventional procedures.
- Developed marketing strategies for the Neuroscience Program.
- Continued participation in pivotal CREST-2 clinical trial (PI: Dr. Ash Jain)
- Pacific Stroke Association Conference attendance by Stroke Team.
- Participated in successful Joint Commission Advanced Primary Stroke Survey with high marks.

Tom McDonagh, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for April 2024. The average daily inpatient census was 151.7 with discharges of 825 resulting in 4,551 patient days. Outpatient observation equivalent days were 279. The average length of stay was 6.22 days. The case mix index was 1.623. Deliveries were 114. Surgical cases were 465. The Outpatient visits were 9,068. Emergency visits were 4,991. Cath Lab cases were 196. Joint Replacement cases were 172. Neurosurgical cases were 23. Cardiac Surgical cases were 12. Total FTEs were 1,633.3. FTEs per adjusted occupied bed were 6.22.

FINANCE REPORT

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Hospital Operations Report for May 2024. Patient gross revenue of 212.0 million for May was favorable to budget by \$3.6 million (1.7%), and it was higher than May 2023 by \$9.1 million (4.5%).

*HOSPITAL
OPERATIONS REPORT*

The Average Length of Stay was 5.16. The Average Daily Inpatient Census was 152.1. There were 923 Discharges that was unfavorable to budget of 1,018 (9.3%).

There were 4,716 patient days. There were 526 Surgical Cases and 195 Cath Lab cases at the Hospital.

Deliveries were 117. Non-Emergency Outpatient visits were 8,950. Emergency Room visits were 5,404. Total Government Sponsored Preliminary Payor Mix was 75.5%, against the budget of 72.3%. Total FTEs per Adjusted Occupied Bed were 5.94.

There were \$299K in charity care adjustments in May 2024.

June Employee of the Month is Blesila "Bless" Bautista, CNA, Central Transport.

*EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH*

Past Health Promotions & Community Outreach Events:

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- May 6-15: Healthcare System Week – Washington Hospital
- May 7: Stroke Prevention Awareness – Facebook Live & YouTube
- May 10: Special Olympics - James Logan High School
- May 11: SPOTMe Free Skin Cancer Screening – Nakamura Clinic
- May 14: Choking First Aid – Anderson Auditorium and Facebook Live
- May 14: Let's Move: Staying Active as You Age – Acacia Creek and Masonic Homes Senior Living Communities
- May 16: Bike to Work Day Energizer Station – Outside Washington West
- May 16: Celebration of Life – Anderson Auditorium
- May 22: Fall Prevention and Recovery – Age Well Center, Warm Springs
- June 6: Updated Treatment for Hip Pain and Arthritis
- June 7: Family Resource Fair – Fremont Downtown Event Center
- June 10: Fremont Debate Academy – Anderson Auditorium
- June 11: Choking First Aid – La Cabana Restaurant, Newark

Upcoming Health Promotions & Community Outreach Events:

- June 14: Fremont Football & Cheer Golf Tournament, Callippe Golf Club
- June 15: Fremont Pride Fair – Fremont Main Public Library
- June 18: Choking First Aid – Birdhaus Beer Garden, Union City
- June 19: Mental Health in the LGBTQIA+ Community – Facebook Live & YouTube
- June 24: Trauma Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion
- June 27: Fremont Summer Concert Series – Central Park Performance Pavilion

The 38th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament in support of Washington Hospital's Operating Rooms and Trauma Center was held on Thursday, May 2 at the Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton. Gross proceeds totaled more than \$124,000.

The Foundation is accepting applications for the Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a high school senior or college student pursuing higher education in the field of medicine. The scholarship aims to further the field of medicine by supporting the education of local students from the Tri-City Area. Applications can be found at whhs.com/scholarships and are due by July 29, 2024.

The Foundation continues planning for the 38th Annual Top Hat Gala, set for Saturday, October 12. This year's fund designation will be announced at the Foundation's July Quarterly Meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

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Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors certify and approve the post-retirement employment of Marianne Heltzel to fill a critically needed position for no more than 90 days and not to exceed 160 hours. Director Yee seconded the motion.

*POST-RETIREMENT
EMPLOYMENT OF
MARIANNE HELTZEL*

Roll call was taken:

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

Motion approved.

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the project budget for the build out of an Urgent Care Clinic. Director Stewart seconded the motion.

*ACTION ITEM:
BUILD OUT OF AN
URGENT CARE
CLINIC*

Roll call was taken:

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

Motion approved.

There were no announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Eapen adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:29 p.m., as the discussion pertained to Conference involving Trade Secrets and pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32106 (Strategic Planning). Director Eapen stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since this meeting was being conducted in the Board Room and via Zoom, there is no way of knowing when the closed session will end. The public was informed they could contact the District Clerk for the Board's report beginning June 13, 2024. The minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.

*ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION*

Director Eapen reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:25 p.m. The District Clerk reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.


*RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION &
REPORT ON CLOSED
SESSION*


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There being no further business, Director Eapen adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. *ADJOURNMENT*

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Jacob Eapen, MD
President

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Bernard Stewart, DDS
Secretary