

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 via Zoom. Director Yee called the meeting to order at 6:05 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: Jeannie Yee; Bernard Stewart, DDS; Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD

ROLL CALL

Absent: Jacob Eapen, MD

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

Guests: Ed Fayen, Chris Henry, Larry LaBossiere, Paul Kozachenko,

Tigist Awel, Mary Bowron, Brenda Brennan, Walter Choto, Angus Cochran, Debbie Feary, Kristin Ferguson, Dr. Shakir Hyder, John Lee, Nick Legge, Erica Luna, Dr. Dianne Martin, Dan Nardoni, Donald Pipkin, Dr. John Romano, Dr. Brian Smith, Adelita Tinoco, Marcus Watkins, Felipe Villaneuva, and Sri Boddu.

Director Yee welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting. She 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 Nicholson 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 Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

The motion carried and the finding is affirmed.

Director Yee 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*

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer informed the Board and the Public that Action Item VIII.B. Resolution No. 1245 will not be heard tonight as staff will need a little more time to prepare this item for consideration. It will be brought forward to a future meeting.

Director Yee presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the District Board: August 10, 22, and 24, 2022

Director Nicholson moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, item A. Director Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

The motion carried.

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Adelina Tinoco, MSN, Magnet Project Manager and Brenda Brennan MSN, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer. They presented Washington Hospital's Magnet Recognition Program. It was noted that Magnet designation is the highest credential a healthcare organization can achieve for nursing excellence. As of July 2022, there are 589 Magnet organizations around the world, 576 in the United States, 48 in California, and 8 in the Bay Area. This is the third designation for Washington Hospital.

*PRESENTATION:
MAGNET
RECOGNITION
PROGRAM*

Magnet is a professional practice model which aligns nursing practice with WHHS Mission and Vision. The Nurse Executives ensure that care is patient and family centered. The Empowerment structure provides an environment where professional practice can flourish. We enjoy a highly educated workforce with 87% of nurses with BSN degree in 2022.

Dr. Shakir Hyder, Chief of Staff, reported there are 576 Medical Staff members including 337 active members. The General Medical Staff meeting took place September 13th and was well represented. He talked about the Level II Trauma moving ahead successfully.

*MEDICAL STAFF
REPORT*

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Debbie Feary, Service League President, reported that the Service League volunteers contributed 2,272 hours to the hospital in the month of August. The August orientation attracted 2 adults, 10 college and 29 high school volunteers.

*SERVICE LEAGUE
REPORT*

Kimberly Hartz introduced Dr. Dianne Martin, Antimicrobial Stewardship Leader, who presented the annual Influenza Prevention overview for 2022-2023. Dr. Martin began with a discussion about the upcoming influenza season and the uncertainty of a COVID-19 impact, noting that there may be less influenza than usual because of continued measures already in place to reduce COVID-19. She noted that people may be co-infected with influenza and SARS-CoV-2. She discussed the similar and differing signs and symptoms of both COVID-19 and the flu and how they spread. She talked about the flu shot and noted that this year's flu vaccine covers four strains of influenza virus.

*QUALITY REPORT:
2022-2023 INFLUENZA
SEASON, COVID, MPX
UPDATE*

Dr. Martin reviewed WHHS' control measures designed to minimize transmission of COVID-19 and WHHS' Influenza Response Plan. She also reviewed prevention and control measures for COVID-19.

Dr. Martin talked about COVID variants in general and the known variants of concern in California. She also talked about booster shots and additional doses. She reviewed the appointment process for the community to schedule COVID and Flu vaccinations.

Dr. Martin also gave an update on MPX.

Chris Henry, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for July 2022. The average daily inpatient census was 160.1 with admissions of 853 resulting in 4,963 patient days. Outpatient observation equivalent days were 287. The average length of stay was 5.49 days. The case mix index was 1.599. Deliveries were 138. Surgical cases were 341. The Outpatient visits were 7,299. Emergency visits were 4,799. Cath Lab cases were 180. Joint Replacement cases were 139. Neurosurgical cases were 26. Cardiac Surgical cases were 8. Total FTEs were 1,600.3. FTEs per adjusted occupied bed were 6.18.

FINANCE REPORT

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Hospital Operations Report for August 2022. Preliminary information for the month indicated total gross revenue at approximately \$195,966,000 against a budget of \$195,708,000. We had 81 COVID-19 discharges which represented 9% of total discharges.

*HOSPITAL
OPERATIONS REPORT*

The Average Length of Stay was 5.94. The Average Daily Inpatient Census was 146.9. There were 14 discharges with lengths of stay greater than 30 days, ranging from 31 to 323. Still in house at the end of August were six patients with length of stays of over 30 days and counting (highest at 87).

There were 4,553 patient days. There were 400 Surgical Cases and 193 Cath Lab cases at the Hospital. The Medicare accreditation survey for Peninsula Surgery

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Center was completed on April 28, 2022 and we received our Medicare certification number on September 13, 2022. Now we can bill Medicare, contract with commercial insurance companies, and credential medical staff with insurance companies.

Deliveries were 131. Non-Emergency Outpatient visits were 8,200. Emergency Room visits were 4,761. Total Government Sponsored Preliminary Payor Mix was 70.8%, against the budget of 71.7%. Total FTEs per Adjusted Occupied Bed were 6.19. The Washington Outpatient Surgery Center had 513 cases and the clinics had approximately 17,971 visits.

Director Nicholson moved that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve Resolution No. 1244, tentative agreements relating to the Clinical Dieticians to be incorporated inside a Memorandum of Understanding with the Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20, IFPTE, EFL/CIO & CLC, a recognized majority representative under the terms of Board Resolution 331A.

*CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 1244
LOCAL 20
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING*

Director Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

The motion carried.

Deferred.

*CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 1245
TO APPROVE AND
AUTHORIZE AN
INCREASE TO THE
WASHINGTON
HOSPITAL BRIDGE
PROJECT BUDGET
AMOUNT IN
CONNECTION WITH
THE PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED
RESOLUTION NO. 1232*

Kimberly Hartz made the following announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As of Monday, September 12th, a total of 91,996 COVID vaccine doses have been administered to community members at our vaccination clinic. Total number of people who have a received a COVID vaccine is 43,255.
- Wednesday, August 10th: Intermittent Fasting for Longevity
- Saturday, August 13th: Ohana Health Fair sponsored by Bay Area Community Health at Newark Community Center

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- Tuesday, August 16th: Sun – Beauty or Beast?
- Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st: Wellness and Health Fair hosted by Annual Festival of India celebration in Fremont
- Monday, August 22nd: Veggies on the Grill – Make Room for Summer Produce
- Tuesday, August 23rd: Fall Prevention and Recovery
- Saturday, August 27th: Free Skin Cancer Screening Program at Nakamura Clinic in Union City
- Tuesday, August 30th: Rotator Cuff Repair – Advances in Treatment Options
- Wednesday, August 31st: Stroke Awareness
- Tuesday, September 6th: Don't Let Hip Pain Win – Updates in Hip Replacements
- Wednesday, September 7th: Polly's Step Out hosted by the Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City
- Monday, September 12th: Neck and Back Pain Relief – Cervical and Lumbar Disc Replacement
- Scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st: As You Age, Stay Fit, Stay Safe
- Scheduled for Saturday, October 1st: Tattoo Removal Clinic
- The Foundation will host the 36th Annual Top Hat Gala – Saturday, October 8th
- September Employee of the Month: Cecilia Almaguer, Wound Care

In accordance with Health & Safety Code Sections 32106, 32155 and California Government Code 54956.9(d)(2), Director Yee adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:01 p.m., as the discussion pertained to a Conference involving Trade Secrets pursuant to Health & Safety Code 32106. Director Yee stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since this meeting is being conducted via Zoom and we have 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 September 15, 2022. She indicated that the minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.


ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Director Yee reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:13 pm. The District Clerk reported that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.


RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business, Director Yee adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Jeannie Yee
President

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William Nicholson, M.D.
Secretary

RESOLUTION 1244

Washington Township Health Care District, a local health care district, does hereby resolve as follows:

Attached hereto is a List of Tentative Agreements that will be incorporated into the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the designated representative of Washington Hospital, that being the Chief Executive Officer, and the **Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20, FPTE, AFL/CIO and CLC**, hereinafter called Local 20, a recognized majority representative under the terms of Board Resolution 331A and incorporating the Clinical Dietitians who petitioned to unionize. This petition was approved by the Board of Directors at the June 21, 2021 meeting.

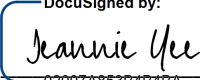
The terms and conditions of the attached List of Tentative Agreements will be implemented in their entirety effective upon passing of this resolution.

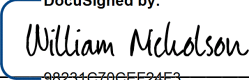
Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of Washington Township Health Care District this 14th day of September, 2022:

AYES: Directors Yee, Stewart, Wallace, Eapen, Nicholson

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Jeannie Yee
President of the Washington Township
Health Care District Board of Directors

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William Nicholson, M.D.
Secretary of the Washington Township
Health Care District Board of Directors