

June 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Anne Tarrant. Present were President Tarrant, Commissioner Wallin, Commissioner Case, Commissioner Zaveruha, and Commissioner Cammermeyer. Chief Executive Officer, Tom Tomasino; Chief Financial Officer, Joe Vessey; Chief Operating Officer, Hank Hanigan; Chief Human Resources Officer, Carolyn Pape; Chief Quality Officer, Teresa Fulton; Chief of Staff, Doug Langrock, MD, Dale Roundy, Esq., and many hospital and medical staff, as well as community members were present. Reporter Nathan Whalen from the Whidbey News Times also attended. Al Bartlett of Riney Productions was present to electronically record the meeting.

Points of Order

There were none.

Minute Approval

President Tarrant called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2011 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Case made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Education

Joe Vessey presented the Information System Selection Committee's vendor recommendation. He stated that through the selection process the Committee focused on vendors that were the most capable of providing Whidbey General with a functionally rich clinical capability and a fully integrated hospital information system to replace the McKesson STAR system. Vendors were identified and evaluated based on those whose system offerings were scalable for a small acute care community based facility and Critical Access Hospital and who could best assist the hospital in meeting federal and state requirements for meaningful use. A fair and equitable process using measurable and objective criteria was established for evaluating vendor offerings. The process was inclusive of hospital leadership, key stakeholders of the systems, physicians, and other clinical personnel and the timeline was seven months. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was developed in November 2010 and then publicly released in December 2010. Proposals were received and analyzed in January and February 2011 and in March four vendors were invited to come to the hospital for on-site for demonstrations. From those four two finalists were selected. In April and May of 2011 a site visit team traveled to customer sites for further evaluation and cost of ownership evaluations were completed. In June 2011 the Selection Committee recommended MEDITECH as the vendor of choice. MEDITECH is a large, privately held company, with a long history in the healthcare technology industry. They possess the largest market share of small hospitals in the US and they have over 30% of the entire Canadian market. It is a highly integrated solution with very little history of downtime outages and disruptions to client operations. Our clinicians and other stakeholders considered the system to be highly functional for meeting their needs. According to HIMSS Analytics, hospitals utilizing MEDITECH can potentially achieve a lower overall cost of technology ownership. Commissioner Cammermeyer asked how long it will take to get this system implemented once approval is given. Mr. Vessey stated that it would take about 18 months from the time a contract is signed. Commissioner Zaveruha asked what would happen to the legacy data. Joe Vessey stated that the data could be converted but the cost to do so is high and most hospitals are not converting their data. He stated that the legacy system is paid for and it would take minimal costs to keep it running for purposes of accessing data. Commissioner Cammermeyer asked if we can afford it. Mr. Vessey stated that it will be difficult to manage and will stretch our bottom line but we don't really have a choice. Beginning in fiscal year 2015 Medicare will start taking back a percentage of reimbursement for those hospitals who have not reached meaningful use. Stimulus dollars are also available to help pay for the implementation costs of this project. Commissioner Wallin stated that the Finance Committee has discussed this project and recommends approval. Commissioner

Wallin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Case, to approve the request to move forward with negotiations with MEDITECH. Motion carried.

Public Questions or Comments

Don Farber of Coupeville stated that he has spoken to the Commissioners a couple of times before. He thanked them for the name tags and he thanked Mr. Tomasino for reaching out and speaking to him regarding the possibility of having a public forum where the hospital commissioners and administration could have conversations with the public. He would like that conversation to continue to move forward between now and the next board meeting. He also stated that Dr. Mark Borden was not able to attend tonight's meeting but it is his intent to attend and speak at board meetings going forward. Dr. Borden asked him to convey to the Board that he was disappointed that they did not respond to his letter to the editor. He wants the Board to know that he intends to share the reasons why he is no longer allowed to work at Whidbey General Hospital at future board meetings. Rob Born of Greenbank read a letter that he had prepared previously. The letter asked the Commissioners to focus on the way people are being treated, such as Dr. Borden and Dr. Outlund, instead of construction projects.

Quality and Patient Safety

Teresa Fulton reported that Whidbey Family Birthplace recently participated in the Centers for Disease Control Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care Survey. This is a national survey of infant feeding practices in organizations that provide maternity care services. We should celebrate because we scored 97% among all facilities nationwide and in Washington State. We scored 100% in labor and delivery care, postpartum care in breast feeding assistance and in discharge care.

Medical Staff Report

A. Chief of Staff Report

Dr. Doug Langrock, Chief of Staff, thanked Joe Vessey for his hard work on the Information System proposal. He commended him and the Administration for having input from the Medical Staff throughout the process. Dr. Langrock presented the following medical staff reappointments:

Melissa S. Chinn, DO – Active Staff Reappointment
Brenden L. Hansen, MD – Active Staff Reappointment
John W. Hoyt, MD – Active Staff Reappointment
Benjamin T. Hu, MD – Active Staff Reappointment

Commissioner Case made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the reappointments as presented. Motion carried. Dr. Langrock presented the following medical staff appointments:

Anne W. Brucker-Busso, MD – Provisional Active Staff Appointment
Oscar M. Busso, MD – Provisional Active Staff Appointment
Jeffrey S. Hambleton, MD – Provisional Courtesy Staff Appointment
Kelly A. Lloyd, MD – Provisional Courtesy Staff Appointment

Commissioner Case, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried. Dr. Langrock presented one Allied Health Professional appointment:

Ellen A. Jacus, PA-C – Allied Health Professional

Commissioner Case made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried. Dr. Langrock stated that effective May 31, 2011, Stacy Bebee, ARNP, has resigned from the Allied Health Staff.

Individual Items

A. Administrative Update

Tom Tomasino reported that an interim CNO will be here on July 5th and that interviews for a permanent CNO will start in July.

B. Orthopedic Construction Update

Hank Hanigan reported that orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Marquart, will be joining us in August and prior to that we need to remodel the Orthopedic surgeon at 80 North Main. This remodel would create two more exam rooms, an additional casting room, an expanded waiting room, and separate check-in and check-out areas for better patient privacy. The cost of the project is \$70,500 and with a completion date of August 1. He asked the Commissioners to approve this project. Commissioner Wallin reported that the Finance Committee has discussed this project and recommends going forward with it. Commissioner Wallin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zaveruha, to approve the Orthopedic Construction project for a total cost of \$70,500. Motion carried.

Board Items

A. Hospital Expansion Project Update

President Tarrant reported that the bond measure did not pass but she thanked everyone for their participation and support of this project. She stated that the Board will be taking some time to decide what the next steps will be. Commissioner Cammermeyer stated that there will be a gathering of the Friends of Whidbey General Hospital to say thank you on Thursday at 7:00 pm at her home in Langley and everyone is invited.

Staff and Status Reports from Administration

A. Administrator's Report

Tom Tomasino reported that we received a letter from the Department of Health on Friday telling us that they need additional time to evaluate our request for a Certificate of Need for Hospice. There were no further questions on the Administrator's Report.

B. Financial Report

Joe Vessey reported that cash on hand is at 58.6 days which is an increase of about 2 days since March, but is mostly a result of the levy receipts in April. Accounts receivable is reserved at 63% and is holding steady at 55 days. Gross patient revenues were under budget by 11.4% and net operating revenue was under budget by 9.2%. Operating expenses were under budget by 5.6%. The bottom line was a loss of \$92,081 on a budgeted gain of \$202,550. Year-to-date the bottom line was a gain of \$79,668 on a budget of \$467,891. Commissioner Tarrant commented that there was discussion at the last Finance Committee about streamlining operations and working on the census.

C. Review of Dashboard Report

Tom Tomasino reported that we are still struggling with building consistency in patient satisfaction, but we should see a significant stabilization as we roll out AIDET. Our interim E.D. Director has already rolled AIDET out to the E.D. physicians and we will be rolling it out the staff this summer. We will also be rolling this out with the medical staff. Other indicators on the Dashboard have been excellent including the length of stay, E.D. wait times, quality indicators including surgical site infection rate and medication error rate.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Monthly Write-Offs and Vouchers

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 40.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board. Commissioner Cammermeyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Case, to approve vouchers #146766 and 146853 in the amount of \$7,945.23. Motion carried. Commissioner Zaveruha abstained from the review, discussion, vote and written approval of these vouchers due to a potential conflict of interest. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 40.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. Commissioner Cammermeyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Case to approve vouchers #146603 to 147494, and #2316 to #2327, excluding #146766 and 146853 in the total amount of \$6,218,800.78. Motion carried. Commissioner Cammermeyer made a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Case to approve the write-offs for May in the amount of \$671,418.21. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Sale of Surplus Items

Commissioner Wallin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the sale of surplus items as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for next Regular Board Session

There were none.

Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 6:55 p.m. President Tarrant announced that the Board would go into executive session for about 60 minutes to discuss a matter authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and that the Board would not be taking any action during or following the Executive Session. At 7:45 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and returned to regular session. President Tarrant called the regular meeting back to order and reported that no action had been taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Tarrant called for a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Wallin made a motion at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.