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**Adams County Public Hospital District No. 3
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday August 26, 2021 In Person and via webex due to the COVID-19 pandemic
Dial in using your phone: 1-571-317-3122
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705-475-837
Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting**

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16. Adjournment



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Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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<https://www.gotomeet.me/MaryGarza1/board-meeting>

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Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: President McCullough called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. President McCullough announced that the meeting is being recorded. President McCullough asked if everyone could hear her. All present acknowledged they could hear her.

Present: President McCullough asked for a roll call for Commissioners present. All were present. Shirley McCullough, Bob Carlson, Gayle Bohannan, Sue Long-Hosek, and Lynda Bowers

Others Present: Connie Agenbroad, Mindy Gonzalez, Mark Bunch, Mary Garza, Tina Bernsen, and Tami Taylor

Comments from Audience: None

Auxiliary Report: Mary Garza reported that the Auxiliary golf outing went great. There were about 50- 60 golfers. Everyone appeared to have a good time. Marcia Bougher won the Traeger BBQ, Jerry Osborne won the Mariners Basket, and Mary Garza won the Seahawk jersey. The Auxiliary made approximately \$17,000.00. The August meeting was cancelled due to illness.

Medical Staff: None

Department Report: Tami Taylor gave a presentation on CleanSlate UVC sanitizer for various items such as; cell phones, keys, pens, stethoscopes, surgical hats, and N95s. Sue Long-Hosek made a motion to approve the purchase of five (5) CleanState UV Sanitizers not to exceed \$30,000.00. Lynda Bowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Declarations: President McCullough asked for a roll call on conflict of interest. All stated they did not have a conflict of interest.

Approval Consent Agenda: Bob Carlson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda comprised of the; 1) July 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting; August 19, 2021 Special Board Meeting; August 24, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting; and August 25, 2021 Personnel Committee Meeting minutes. 2) Claims, Payroll, Payroll taxes, and Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,736,304.62. 3) Bad Debts and Charity in the amount of \$180,945.29

and \$48,909.11 respectively. Gayle Bohannon seconded the motion. President McCullough asked for a roll call for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Patient Satisfaction Survey: None

Financial Report: For the month ending, July, 2021, OCH incurred an operating loss (including approximately \$47,058 in disproportionate share; \$75,990 in hospital levy; \$47,196 in EMS levy) in the amount of \$161,220 with investment gain of \$17,821 for a total net loss of \$143,398; year-to-date operating loss (including approximately \$394,410 in disproportionate share; \$531,931 in hospital levy; \$330,378 in EMS levy) was \$2,035,088 with investment gain of \$123,076 for a year-to-date net loss of \$1,912,012.

President McCullough asked for a roll call if any of the Commissioners had a question for Mark Bunch. All stated no.

Old Business: None

New Business: Connie Agenbroad discussed the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Proclamation 21-14 by Governor Jay Inslee requiring all health care workers to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by October 18, 2021 unless the employee has been granted a medical or religious exemption. Connie Agenbroad reviewed with the Commissioners the memo and policy requiring that all health care workers be fully vaccinated by October 18, 2021 that was sent out to all the staff on August 23, 2021.

Connie Agenbroad stated at this point, there are approximately 60 employees who have not been vaccinated. If the employee is granted a medical or religious exemption, they will be required to wear an N95 mask at all times (with exception when eating and drinking) and will be tested weekly. Unfortunately, if the employee is not fully vaccinated or has not been approved for a medical or religious exemption they no longer can work here at the hospital. They will be given a non-disciplinary termination letter for failure to comply with the Governor's Proclamation. The employee may be eligible for rehire if they comply with the Governor's Proclamation by either being fully vaccinated or being granted a medical or religious exemption, should a job be available for which they qualify. Unfortunately, if the employee is rehired after October 18, 2021, they will start as if they were a new employee, meaning they will not maintain their seniority, PTO, EIB, and other benefits. There are a lot of what ifs, Administration and Department Managers are looking at all the possibilities that could or could not happen.

Approval of Meeting Adjournment/Reschedule September 23, 2021 Resolution 21-04: Bob Carlson made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04, adjourning the September 23, 2021 regular Board meeting and rescheduling it to Thursday September 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Gayle Bohannon seconded the motion. President McCullough asked for a roll call for approval. The motion passed unanimously. The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday September 28, 2021 at noon and Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday September 29, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Nursing Report: Tina Bernsen reported for July 2021, there were five (5) admission restriction(s). The first(1st) restriction was for twenty four (24) hours with no transfers; the second (2nd) restriction was for sixty (60) hours with no transfers; the third (3rd) restriction was for six (6) hours with two (2) transfers all needing a higher level of care; the fourth (4th) was for twelve (12) hours with one (1) transfer needing a higher level of

care; and the fifth (5th) restriction was for twenty six (26) hours with one transfer needing a higher level of care. All restrictions were due to patient acuity and staffing.

Patient Story: Sue Long-Hosek commented on the excellent care her husband received in the Emergency Room and during his inpatient stay. Everyone did an outstanding job and gave excellent care.

CEO Report: Connie Agenbroad reviewed information regarding COVID-19 employees exposed or tested positive from July 2020 to August 2021 prepared by Brandy Kissler, Infection Control. Connie Agenbroad reviewed a graph on OCH Lab confirmed positive tests since March 2020. Connie Agenbroad reviewed graphs from the Department of Health on COVID like hospitalizations since January 2020, percentage of ICU staffed beds occupancy and ICU staffed beds occupancy by COVID-19 patients since January 2021, Acute Care staffed beds occupancy by COVID-19 patients since January 2021. Connie Agenbroad reviewed a report from Department of Health regarding the sequencing trends for variants of COVID-19. Connie Agenbroad reviewed information that the hospital receives from “Wenatchee Catchment Area” Capacity Dashboard. This includes Central Washington Hospital (Confluence) and Samaritan Hospital concerning current bed availability and COVID-19 patients.

Connie Agenbroad reported that since August 1, 2021 to August 25, 2021 there have been 497 patients seen in the Emergency Room with approximately 34 positive COVID-19 patients. There have been approximately 5 COVID-19 inpatients with 1 being transferred and 1 death.

Connie Agenbroad gave a brief update on COVID-19 for Adams County. Last month Connie Agenbroad reported that the “target <100 new COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days” was 8 and no hospitalizations, “target <25 cases/100,000 over the past 14 days” was 39.1, and “percent positives #cases/#tests in past week” 7.3%. As of August 25, 2021 the “target <100 new COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days” is 141 with 4 hospitalizations, “target <25 cases/100,000 over the past 14 days” is 689.5, and “percent positives #cases/#tests in past week” 26.1%.

Connie Agenbroad reported that Dr. Burrup and Connie Agenbroad attended CBHA’s Medical Staff Meeting on August 26, 2021 and it was an excellent meeting and CBHA’s medical staff had very positive remarks concerning our new Emergency Room providers. CBHA providers commented that they are also receiving positive comments from their patients.

Brandy Kissler and Connie Agenbroad attended the Rotary Club Meeting on August 26, 2021 and Brandy Kissler gave a brief update on how the hospital is doing with COVID-19. There were several positive comments about how much people appreciated the hospital and especially were very grateful for the hospital giving the COVID-19 vaccines. Several people commented on the new providers in the Emergency Room and what excellent care they received from them.

Articles: The Board reviewed articles regarding. "Hospital capacity is tight as a new COVID-19 surge takes off in Spokane, with some facilities postponing nonemergency surgeries", from spokesman.com, August 5, 2021; "Vaccination card or proof of negative COVID-19 test required for admittance to this weekend's concert at Gorge" from ifiberone.com, August 17, 2021; "Washington hospitals 'quite full' amid COVID-19 case surge" from associatedpress.com, August 3, 2021; "Community members, healthcare workers take a stand against COVID-19 vaccine mandate" from ifiberone.com, August 16, 2021 and a Thank you card from a patient.

Connie Agenbroad stated that Bethel Church supplied a sack lunch for staff on Thursday August 19, 2021. In addition, on Sunday September 12, 2021 the Lutheran Church will be having a breakfast and special blessing for all first responders.

Process Feedback: President McCullough asked for a roll call if any of the Commissioners had any feedback. All stated no.

Executive Session: President McCullough announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session per: 1) RCW 70.44.062(2) to review and discuss quality improvement activities. Any final action of the board of commissioners shall be taken in open session. A complete legal citation of the above may be found in the agenda to this meeting and is available upon request. Executive Session is expected to last 30 minutes.

The Executive Session convened at 5:45 p.m.

Resumption of Open Session: The open session resumed at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Carlson

Bob Carlson, Secretary