



**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024 1:30 pm
in person and via Microsoft TEAMS**

Commission Attendance:

(not present present)

Jordana LaPorte, Chair
 Lori Withrow, Vice Chair

Mary Murphy,
Secretary
 Doug Gibson

Len England

Staff Participants: A. Edwards, B. Truman, S. Ottley, R. Montgomery, L. Sahlinger, B. McCracken, S. Villasano, B. Kipp, C. Onda, J. Phetteplace, L. Hippe, P. Peters, C. Schmidt, R. Wallace, T. Lautiki, A. Benegas, D. Eisenhard, M. Bennett, A. Thomas, Shay Raplee, Mindy Garfoot, Jenna Smith

Guests: Dr. Hippe

Community Members: Brenda Brodigan, Bob Johnson, J Hawes, Mrs. Smith, Neal Gallagher, Tobe Harberd, Nelvin Wright, Deanna Griggs, Amy Bennett, Jennifer Snyder, Debra, Suzy Hepner, Lisa Marshall, Jacques Burn, Dr. Gray, Dr. Bradley, Guest, Manuel Navarro, Tom, Glen Snyder, Amy, Michael W., Jaime Minnock, Debra Egeck, Lisa Marshall, Nelvin Wright, Sandrs

Recorder: Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. LaPorte called the meeting to order at 1:32pm and recited the mission statement.
2. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public comment
3. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. LaPorte remarked on the wonderful and beautiful time in the valley of Chelan, announced Dr. Waszkewitz's upcoming retirement with a planned lunch event to be announced, and welcomed a new provider and Physician Assistant at the Clinic for Family Care.
4. Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Edwards proposed amending the agenda to include the Disposal Form for the 3-door refrigerator to the Finance Section L. Withrow motioned to approve Consent Agenda with the addition proposed, seconded, motion passed
5. Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. LaPorte announced Executive Session at 1:36 pm for 15 minutes to consider information: regarding staff privileges or quality improvement committees under RCW 70.41.205 and RCW 42.30.110(1)(o) Executive session ended at 2:01 pm
6. Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Withrow verified all credential files are complete for the proposed list of providers and motioned to approve the appointments and removals as presented, seconded, motion passed. Dr. Hillman presented the Board with the changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws that were approved by the Medical Staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Murphy motioned to approve the proposed Med Staff Bylaw changes, seconded, motion approved. Dr. Hippe provided the Quarterly Med Staff update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations were extended to Dr. Decker for passing her written Orthopedic boards, and new providers were welcomed to the Medical Staff. Hospitalist comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Hippe discussed concerns regarding the new Hospitalist service line.

- During the discussion, the Board Chair invoked Robert’s Rules of Order. The Chair requested Dr. Hippe to stay focused on the update, noting that his comments did not reflect the views of the entire Medical Staff as a whole. Emphasizing the importance of remaining on topic, the Chair reiterated to Dr. Hippe the need to focus on the Quarterly Medical Staff Update.”
 - Dr. Hippe stated that his comments reflected the perspective of the Medical Staff and were relevant to the Quarterly Update.
 - The Board Chair suspended the discussion and asked for any motions related to Med Staff to be presented, and then to continue with the agenda as outlined.
 - Dr. Hippe presented Dr. Rothmeyer for approval as Secretary of the Medical Staff.
 - *D. Gibson motioned to approve Dr. Rothmeyer as Secretary of the Medical Staff, seconded and approved.*
- Finance:
 - B. Truman presented the unaudited August 2024 Finance.
 - *D. Gibson motioned to accept the 2023 Audit Report completed by Wipfli, seconded, motion accepted*
 - The Board Budget Workshop is scheduled for Oct 14th at 9am which is a open public meeting.
 - *L. Withrow motioned to accept the August 2024 Finance Report, seconded, motion approved.*
 - Disposal of a Beverage Air three door refrigerator due to unrepairable, no value
 - *D. Gibson motioned to accept the disposal of the Beverage Air three door refrigeration, seconded, motion approved.*
- A. Edwards shared the CEO Report with additional notes of interest:
 - Dr. Hillman has successfully passed both his written and oral boards, while Dr. Decker has passed her written boards.
 - Comments regarding Hospitalist: LCH has no complaints against CVCH. CVCH providers are busy with their clinic patients and OB duties. The inpatient care at the hospital is an additional responsibility on top of their already full day. Contracting out the Hospitalist service line is not a criticism of CVCH; rather, it is intended to help move the hospital in a new direction to serve the community more comprehensively.
 - Clinic Updates by M. Miller:
 - Express Care: The clinic has been working with temporary providers while onboarding new staff. Three new PAs have joined the Express Clinic, and once fully onboarded, the clinic will be able to extend its hours. Efforts are ongoing to bolster the clinical staff for additional support.
 - Primary Care: Dr. Tyler Goeser and Guadalupe Munoz PA joined the team this past month. The focus is on improving and updating policies and procedures. Dr. Wasz's public retirement party is scheduled for 9/17.
 - Specialists: Efforts are underway to add new service lines, including sports medicine, dermatology, and cardiology. The new Specialty Clinic build is progressing well and remains on track.
 - R. Montgomery provided an update on nurse staffing, including open positions and those filled with Travelers. The OB position has been open for a year, and despite efforts, it has not been filled with a full-time employee or Traveler, leading to diversions when necessary.
- S. Ottley presented the August KPI report

<p>7. Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed the self-improvement plan concerning education topics for the monthly board education sessions. • S. Ottley sent an email to the Board members with a draft of the updated strategic plan for their review and feedback, based on the meeting held in February • S. Ottley updated the Board on the Specialty Clinic and EMS/Admin projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specialty Clinic Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The plans for the specialty clinic are currently under review by the city and the Department of Health. ▪ Hard bids are due on October 8th after which the contractor selection will take place ▪ The target completion date is the end of March, with a tentative use permit by the beginning of April 2025. ○ EMS/Admin Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public bid opening is scheduled for September 26th. ▪ The scope and fee proposal will be presented at the October Board Meeting.
<p>8. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding the CHNA with the possibility of considering exploring a new vendor or potentially partnering with another hospital, or potentially THRIVE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasis on the importance of engaging with community members who are often underrepresented. The last CHNA report there was inadequate representation from young families and the Latina community. • Amy presented an IT update regarding the current projects and upcoming plans for 2025
<p>9. Roundtable/Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow stated the LCH Golf Tournament was a great success with 21 teams participating this year, marking a fantastic start. A big thank you to all the staff who helped pull it all together! • M. Murphy announced the First Annual Open House for local nonprofit organizations on 10/16 from 4-6pm at the Senior Center; LCH will be in attendance. • Board to review the Strategic Planning draft and discuss it at the next board meeting. • Each Board member selects a month and an education topic for presentation for 2025 Board Meetings. This will be added as a KPI and included on the 2025 Board Calendar. • Board members are to complete their Self Evaluations and send them to the Executive Assistant by the October 14th Budget Board Meeting. M. Murphy will compile the results for presentation at the October Board meeting. • A. Edwards will reach out to colleagues regarding CHNA financing and Matt from AWPHD joining a Board meeting.
<p>10. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuel Navarro- resident of Chelan hospital district 13 years and CEO as CVCH for 2 years and is speaking as a CEO. The official stance with any decision that LCH and the District make we fully support the success of LCH as viable healthcare partner in our community and we trust that all decisions made by LCH are with the same goal in mind. That said, in regard to involvement in the Hospitalist program, CVCH was not involved in the decision to implement the program at LCH. CVCH was informed several months ago that LCH was exploring such a program we were notified the day prior to the medical staff announcement. I felt it was inappropriate to suggest that Dr. Hippe remarks in his role as Chief of Med Staff represented CVCH. Ultimately the topic is not about whether CVCH supports the decision to implement a Hospitalist program, it is about continuing to work together as partners to provide the best healthcare to our community. • J. Minnock expressed concerns from a clinical standpoint about the Hospitalist program increasing the number of high-acuity patients. J. Minnock is worried that this will challenge the staff's ability to stay adequately trained. Additionally, J. Minnock feels that transitioning from

	<p>CVCH providers to a 24/7 Hospitalist program may lead to dissatisfaction among patients in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Bennett asked when the August minutes would be available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ J. LaPorte responded that they are included in today’s meeting packet and were approved during the meeting. Once signed, they will be posted on the website with the other minutes by the end of the week at the latest. • Brenda Brodigan, a nurse, expressed satisfaction with the current inpatient care and understands the hospital’s goals. She feels that House Supervisors limit the types of patients admitted due to nurse training. Brenda believes that the providers and residents are deeply invested in the community, advocating for patients and ensuring excellent continuity of care. However, she is concerned that residents may not want to stay if they are unable to provide the level of care they aspire to. • Scott Hippe wanted to clarify that the CVCH providers currently covering calls plan to continue caring for patients in the hospital with their medical staff privileges, even after the Hospitalist program goes into effect in January. He believes they can provide the best care and continuity for their patients. • J. LaPorte would like to acknowledge the comments and emphasize that all concerns raised were thoroughly discussed by the Board and the administrator in numerous meetings prior to finalizing the Hospitalist contract. We understand the nurses’ concerns and have implemented plans to provide additional training. Having a hospitalist on site 24/7 will also support this training. We recognize that all providers aim to deliver the best care for our community’s patients. Our goal is to elevate the level of care, accept more patients, and continuously improve hospital services. To achieve progress, we must move forward and not remain stagnant. J. LaPorte expressed appreciation for all the comments and welcomed anyone who wishes to write to the Board.
11. Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow announced Executive Session at 4:05 pm for 20 minutes for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Evaluate the performance of a public employee. ○ RCW 42.30.110 (1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts
12. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session • J. LaPorte adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm

Attest:

Mary C Murphy
Mary C Murphy (Oct 22, 2024 20:47 PDT)
M. Murphy, Secretary

Aaron Edwards
Aaron Edwards (Oct 23, 2024 06:40 PDT)
Aaron Edwards, CEO

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W. Kenck, Executive Assistant










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