

King County Public Hospital District No. 2
d/b/a EvergreenHealth
Board of Commissioners Meeting
EvergreenHealth Medical Center, Kirkland, WA
October 17, 2023
Regular Public Meeting Minutes

Comms. Present: Comms. Edwards, Hirt, McLaughlin, Pilcher, and Snyder
Comms. Cashman and Stewart were excused

Medical Staff Leadership: Chad Bentsen, MD

Others Present: Chris Bredeson, Peggy Brown, Mark Freeborn, MD, Jeff Friedman, Monique Gablehouse, Jessika Groce, Lori Kloes, Richard Meeks, Ettore Palazzo, MD, Jack Peters, Candace Scairpon, Jeff Tomlin, MD, Garrett Buckingham, Megan Wirsching

Legal Counsel: Jenny Churas, Kevin Hansen

Guests: See **Exhibit A**

**PUBLIC
MEETING AND
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Comm. Snyder called the October 17, 2023 Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 to order at 5:00 p.m. Comm. Snyder announced that the Board would immediately adjourn into Executive Session to consider and discuss medical staff privileges, evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment and the performance of public employees, as permitted under RCW 42.30.110. Comm. Snyder further announced that the Executive Session would conclude at approximately 6:30 p.m. and that the Open Public Meeting would reconvene at that time.

The Executive Session commenced at 5:00 p.m. At 6:29 p.m., Ms. Scairpon made a public announcement that the Board of Commissioners would arrive in approx. 10 minutes. The Executive Session was concluded at 6:37 p.m., at which time a short recess was taken.

Comm. Snyder reconvened the Public Meeting, calling it to order at 6:43 p.m. and welcoming those present.

Order of Business There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Leigh Kellogg, District resident, spoke to the Board regarding the Aetna contract and expressed concerns regarding communications about the situation, a possible gap in coverage, having to change

providers after many years, his care, and the uncertainty of what lies ahead. Mr. Kellogg further shared that staff responses regarding this change and their assurance that this would be resolved added to his anxiety of the situation. He also expressed concerns about the new record keeping system (EPIC), which has caused some challenges, and what will happen when they transition to another provider.

Jeff Tomlin, MD, CEO, noted that it is unfortunate that patients were put in the middle of this situation between Aetna and EvergreenHealth, and noted that there are many challenges facing District residents including cost of living, etc. He also noted that there are rules regarding continuity of care, and that we would like to help Mr. Kellogg regarding the issues he's experiencing. Finally, he noted that we hope to come to an agreement with Aetna soon and requested Mr. Kellogg's contact information so we can reach out and help with his struggles.

Laura McGrath noted that she has seen EvergreenHealth providers for many years and expressed concerns about the Aetna contract termination and the communications and negotiations as part of that process. She also expressed concerns about providers being overloaded and running late, and the transition to EPIC making it challenging to access prior records and call out specific diagnoses.

The Board thanked the community members for their time and comments this evening.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

Comm. Edwards made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda included:

A) Board Minutes

- Regular Meeting – September 19, 2023
- Special Board Meeting – September 21, 2023
- Special Board Meeting – September 28, 2023
- Board Educational – October 6, 2023

B) Voucher No. 618 September 2023, totaling \$71,793,930
(Exhibit B)

C) Medical Staff

- New Appointments, Reappointments, Status Changes, and Privileges pertaining to the EvergreenHealth Medical Center Medical Staff and AHPs in Exhibit C and Delineation of Privileges

D) Completion of Work – Radiation Oncology Linear Accelerator

Replacement

Comm. Pilcher seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Hirt suggested making the recent Community Service Award for staff more visible in the hospital. Candace will follow up with Communications, work out a plan and follow up with Comm. Hirt.

Board Bylaws Update

Comm. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the updated Board Bylaws as written.

Comm. Pilcher seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Digital Health & Consumer Innovation (DHCI) Committee Status

Comm. Edwards made a motion to dissolve the Digital Health & Consumer Innovation (DHCI) Committee and shift oversight of DHCI initiatives within the Strategic Planning & Construction Committee.

Comm. Pilcher seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Written Reports

2023 CEO Goals Update

Jeff Tomlin, MD, CEO, gave a brief overview of the progress on his goals to date, noting that these goals are connected to our five pillars of culture and people, clinical excellence, experience and loyalty, growth and access, and financial stewardship. He gave highlights regarding the master facility plan, staff engagement, agency use, staff turnover, quality metrics and acknowledgements, patient experience and financial recovery, and responded to questions from the Board throughout.

Discussion Items

Medical Staff Update

Chad Bentsen, MD, Medical Staff President, noted that our standing practitioner peer support committee supports provider wellness and is taking good strides forward in their goals by putting together social functions and other activities and noted that they are connecting with the AMA's Joy of Medicine which will allow us to tap into their resources to support this work. Dr. Bentsen responded to questions from the Committee throughout.

CEO/Administrative Update

Jeff Tomlin, MD, CEO, discussed the following:

- The City of Kirkland is pursuing a levy lid lift to support the construction of a new aquatics center; we will be watching to see what happens with this.
- Here at EvergreenHealth we are continuing to work on financial recovery efforts.

Commissioner Reports

Comm. Cashman – Absent

Comm. Edwards – No report

Comm. Stewart – Absent

Comm. Pilcher – Listened to WSHA’s report on the state of Washington State hospital’s financial health and only saw evidence of one media outlet in attendance, most were healthcare leaders, and haven’t seen any reports out of this webinar. Would like WSHA to do more to promote this.

Comm. Hirt – No report

Comm. McLaughlin – No report

Comm. Snyder – No report. Thank you to the staff, Dr. Tomlin and team for putting everything together tonight.

Adjourn

The October 17, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District No. 2 was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tim McLaughlin, Secretary/Commissioner
Nov 22, 2023 9:33 AM PST

Exhibit A – Guests

Name

Leigh Kellogg

Laura McGrath

Exhibit B - Monthly Voucher Summary

King County Public Hospital District No. 2
 dba EvergreenHealth
 Voucher Summary & Approval #618
 September 2023

| | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>6 Month Average</u> |
|--|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Patient & Insurance Refunds | N/A | | \$ 263,516 | \$ 311,309 |
| Accounts Payable - Warrants/Refunds | | various ¹ | 27,153,695 | \$ 26,901,220 |
| Accounts Payable - EFT | N/A | | 4,309,151 ² | \$ 8,225,778 |
| Risk Management Claims - ACH | N/A | | 98,256 | \$ 69,805 |
| Workers Compensation Claims | 903171 | 903462 | 190,663 | \$ 196,793 |
| First Choice PPO Claims | 234884 | 236516 | 2,632,620 | \$ 2,433,105 |
| Payroll - Warrants | 441934 | 442101 | 90,608 ³ | \$ 80,539 |
| Payroll - Direct Deposit | 2012096 | 2021630 | 26,338,691 | \$ 30,973,898 |
| Payroll Taxes - EFT | N/A | | 10,005,745 | \$ 11,322,891 |
| B & O Taxes - EFT | N/A | | 710,985 | \$ 724,147 |
| | | | <u>\$ 71,793,930</u> | <u>\$ 81,239,485</u> |

Exhibit C ~ Medical Staff/AHP Appointments/Reappointments/Scope of Practice

| INITIAL APPOINTMENTS: The following individuals are approved for initial appointment to the Medical Staff or Allied Health Professionals with privileges delineated in their credentials file. | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| NAME | SPECIALTY/DEPT. | STATUS REQ. | REQUESTED APT. PERIOD |
| Dave, Devashree, MD | Gastroenterology / Medicine | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Ford Bench, Kelsey, MD | Emergency Med&UC / Hosp. Med. | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Gali Deepa, MD | Rheumatology / Medicine | Courtesy | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Hart, Jonathan, MD | Diagnostic Rad. / Hosp. Med | Telemedicine | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Keller, Samuel, MD | Ped. Cardiology / Medicine | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Knisely, Anna, MD | ENT / Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Malin, Paris, DPM | Podiatry / Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| McFarland, Carol, MD | Ped. Cardiology / Medicine | Courtesy | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Panks, Jessica, MD | Pediatrics / PC | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |

| REAPPOINTMENTS: The following individuals are approved for reappointment to the Medical or AHP Staff with the privileges delineated in their credentials files. | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| NAME | SPECIALTY/DEPT. | STATUS REQ. | REQUESTED APT. PERIOD |
| Annoh, Naa Afadua, ARNP | Urgent Care/Hosp Med | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Cohenca, Nathalie, PA-C | Gastroenterology/Medicine | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| deOliveira, Christina M., ARNP | Hospice/PC | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Foley, Lindsey M., ARNP, DNP | Palliative Care/PC | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Gallotti, Roberto G., MD | Peds Cardio/Medicine | Courtesy | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Goble, Sarah R., PA-C | Pain Medicine/Surgery | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Goldstein, Laura G., MD | Neurology/Medicine | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Holm, Michelle J., MD | Emerg Med/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Lee, Richy T., MD | General Surg/Surgery | Courtesy | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Ludwig, Andrew D., MD | General Surg/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Mason, Ronald E., MD | Gastroenterology/Medicine | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| McGowan, John D., MD | Diag Rad/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Oh, Kyle J., MD | PM&R/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Opalka, Moira, ARNP | Palliative Care/PC | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Ostrowski, Kevin, MD | Urology/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Partington, Marshall T., MD | Plastics/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Peysakhov, Dmitry, DMD | Oral/Max Surg/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Price, J Scott, MD | Ortho-Spine/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Ramos, Louis E., MD | Adult Hosp/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Remington, Bradley L., MD | Plastics/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Saroya, Kamal P., PA-C | Urgent Care/Hosp Med | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Schocket, Luanne E., MD | OBGYN/W&C | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Siew, David D., MD | Adult Hosp/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Simon, Dyan M., MD | Neonatology/W&C | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Sloane, T Robin, MD | Gastroenterology/Medicine | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Smilde, Lauren M., ARNP, DNP | Hospice/PC | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Smoots, Daniel W., MD | Diag Rad/Hosp Med | Telemedicine | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Soriano, Brian, MD | Peds Cardio/Medicine | Courtesy | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |

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| Stickney, Jeff L., MD | Orthopedics/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Stroh, Jan E., MD | Anesthesiology/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Stuart, Scott R., MD | Adult Hosp/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Takayama, Thomas K., MD | Urology/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Vanderheiden, Scott M., MD | Diag Rad/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Warhola, Marc-Gregory, PA-C | Diag Rad/Hosp Med | AHP | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Westman, David G., MD | Diag Rad/Hosp Med | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Wingert, Nathaniel C., MD | Orthopedics/Surgery | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |
| Yon, Sabrina M., MD | Family Medicine/PC | Active | 10/17/2023 – 09/30/2025 |

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL/CHANGE OF PRIVILEGES OR STAFF STATUS CHANGE: The following individuals are approved for additional privileges or a change of privileges, as noted in their credentials files. Additional privileges shall be granted for the remainder of the current appointment period.

| NAME | SPECIALTY/DEPT | STATUS | PRIVILEGE(S)/STATUS REQUESTED/CHANGE |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| Khanna, Rashi, MD | Hospitalist/Hosp Med | Active | Completed proctoring for Central line placement |

RESIGNATIONS: The following resignations from the Medical Staff or AHP's are accepted and approved.

| NAME | SPECIALTY/DEPT |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Barnes, Emily L., ARNP, CNM | OBGYN/W&C |
| Johnson, Germaine, MD | Diag Radio/Hosp Med |
| Matsuno, Pia B., MD | Pediatrics/PC |
| Noorhasan, Marisela MD | Internal Med/Medicine |
| Porter, Jennifer K., MD | OBGYN/W&C |
| Peck, Chunie S., PA-C | Ophthalmology/Surgery |
| Richards, Christopher, MD | Neuroscience/Medicine |
| Romero, Miriam G., MD | Diag Radio/Hosp Med |
| Shoup, William B., MD | Family Medicine/PC |
| Slaughter, Aubrey J., MD | Diag Radio/Hosp Med |
| Stivala, Adam MD | Neuroscience/Medicine |
| Vernon, Margaret M., MD | Cardiology/Medicine |