

King County Public Hospital District No. 2
d/b/a EvergreenHealth
Board of Commissioners Meeting
EvergreenHealth Medical Center, Kirkland, WA
September 19, 2023
Regular Public Meeting Minutes

Comms. Present: Comms. Cashman, Edwards, Hirt (partial attendance),
McLaughlin, Pilcher, Snyder and Stewart

Medical Staff
Leadership: Michael Mena, MD

Others Present: Chris Bredeson, Peggy Brown, Jeff Friedman, Monique
Gablehouse, Jessika Groce, Frank Hemeon, Lori Kloes, Lisa
LaPlante, Richard Meeks, Ettore Palazzo, MD, Candace
Scairpon, Mary Shepler, Jeff Tomlin, MD, Juan Aragon, MD,
Jessica Granger, Daria Heimerman, Shelly Henderson,
Stephanie Lizza, Regin McLane

Legal Counsel: Jenny Churas, Kevin Hansen

Guests: See **Exhibit A**

**PUBLIC
MEETING**

Comm. Snyder called the September 19, 2023 Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Presentations &
Action Items**

2022 Community
Service Award

Comm. Snyder noted that since 1998 the Board of Commissioners selects and presents the EvergreenHealth Community Service Award to a deserving recipient. This year the Board is honored to announce that they have selected two recipients, All EvergreenHealth Staff for the COVID Pandemic Response and Retired Commissioner Al DeYoung.

EvergreenHealth
Staff – COVID
Pandemic Response

Resolution No. 935-
23

The first award presentation is for All EvergreenHealth Staff for the COVID Pandemic Response. Comm. Snyder noted that whether staff provide direct patient care or support those who do, they are among those honored with this award, and while we would love to invite all 5,000 employees to the ceremony, we are limited by space and so we have invited a smaller group, representative of all staff, to join us in person.

Comm. Snyder read aloud Resolution 935-23 bestowing the 2022 EvergreenHealth Community Service Award to All EvergreenHealth Staff for the COVID Pandemic Response.

Comm. Cashman made a motion to approve Resolution 935-23 bestowing the 2022 EvergreenHealth Community Service Award upon All EvergreenHealth Staff for the COVID Pandemic Response.

Comm. Pilcher seconded the motion.

The motion to approve Resolution 935-23 carried with a vote of 6-0.

Comm. Hirt was not present.

Following the approval of the resolution Dr. Tomlin thanked the Board for honoring our staff, noting that they are very deserving of this award. The words shared this evening mean a lot to all of us and take us back to when it all began and the compassion and courage they displayed.

The Board noted that this award encompasses all 5000+ staff, including patient facing, non-patient facing, food services, EVS, finance, administration, etc. and they cannot imagine how difficult this time was for staff - despite the huge amount of stress they all felt, they came back day after day. Board members noted that they are proud and honored to work with the EvergreenHealth staff and noted that they are true heroes.

The staff in attendance thanked the Board and the Administrative Council for taking down silos, being great leaders and teaching others how to lead and noted that they felt supported by the Board because of the technology they gave staff to be successful.

This award will be displayed in Administration and a communication will go out to all staff about the award.

The Board took a brief break @ 4:25 p.m. to take a group photo and transition to the next award.

The next award presentation began at 4:30 p.m.

2022 Community
Service Award

Retired Comm. Al
DeYoung

Comm. Snyder read aloud Resolution 936-23 bestowing the 2022 EvergreenHealth Community Service Award to Retired Commissioner Al DeYoung.

Resolution No. 936-23

Comm. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution 936-23 bestowing the 2022 EvergreenHealth Community Service Award upon Retired Commissioner Al DeYoung.

Comm. Pilcher seconded the motion.

The motion to approve Resolution 936-23 carried with a vote of 6-0.

Comm. Hirt was not present.

Comm. Snyder announced that Comm. DeYoung could not be with us this evening and read a letter on his behalf.

Comm. Snyder then read written comments from Steve Brown, former EvergreenHealth CEO, Laurene Burton, former Executive Director of Governance and Community Affairs, and Nancy Remak, Community Advisor.

Following the approval of the resolution Comm. Snyder invited those in attendance to make further comments. Dr. Tomlin noted that it is difficult to encapsulate all of Comm. DeYoung's efforts for EvergreenHealth, he was a champion for having the Board involved in Quality, he would always ask how decisions would affect the patient and what the staff think, and he was a great philanthropic contributor. Finally, Dr. Tomlin thanked Comm. DeYoung's wife Donna for the sacrifices she made to support him so he could be an integral part of EvergreenHealth. Comm. DeYoung has left an amazing legacy for us all.

The Commissioners noted that it is hard to think of anyone who has been more instrumental to the organization than Comm. DeYoung; he has a deep passion for this community and for serving the public. He has impacted many lives, was a major contributor to the culture of the organization, and was a mentor to many Commissioners. The Board has an immense amount of respect for Comm. DeYoung and intends to carry his legacy forward in the decades to come.

At 4:50 p.m. Comm. Snyder announced that the Board would pause briefly for a group photo, and subsequently would adjourn into Executive Session to consider and discuss medical staff privileges and pending and potential litigation, 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.

Executive Session

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. 15 minutes. At 6:45 p.m. Ms. Scairpon announced that the Board would be further delayed by 15 minutes. The Executive Session was concluded at 6:48 p.m., at which time a short recess was taken.

Comm. Snyder reconvened the Public Meeting, calling it to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcoming those present. Comm. Snyder reminded all attendees participating via phone to mute their lines.

Order of Business

Comm. Snyder noted that the meeting began at 4:00 p.m. at which time the Board presented the 2022 Community Service Awards to All EvergreenHealth Staff for the COVID Pandemic Response and to Retired Commissioner Al DeYoung.

Public Comment

Bob Yoder, District resident, spoke to the Board regarding concerns about the cost of the Healthline, patients leaving the Emergency Department and Urgent Cares without being seen, and about the availability of Behavioral Health Services in the community. Additionally, Mr. Yoder suggested that EvergreenHealth put a wellness center in the new Redmond Senior Center.

The Board thanked Mr. Yoder for his comments.

Presentations

MHA Intern Report

Regin McLane, MHA Intern and MHA student at the University of Washington, presented her end of internship report to the Board. Regin thanked the Board for the opportunity, as well as her preceptor Juan Aragon, MD, and various leaders for giving her the space to find what interests her and for giving her the opportunity to attend various meetings and participate on different projects in the organization. She reviewed lessons learned and noted that she is grateful for the opportunities and that she learned a lot about herself and the organization through this experience. Regin responded to questions from the Board throughout.

Quarterly Quality Dashboard

Ettore Palazzo, MD, Chief Medical & Quality Officer, reviewed the Quarterly Quality Dashboard which includes YTD data through July 2023. He noted that our staff are working very hard to achieve these challenging goals and that all but one of our metrics are meeting their targets. Dr. Palazzo engaged in discussion with the Board regarding the opiate issues in the community and noted that the Ambulatory clinical outcomes and absolute safety metrics data will be coming forward to the Quality Committee in September and to the Board in a subsequent report. Dr. Palazzo responded to questions from the Board throughout.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

The Consent Agenda included:

- A) Board Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – August 15, 2023
 - Special Board Meeting – August 25, 2023
 - Board Educational – September 1, 2023
- B) Voucher No. 617 August, 2023, totaling \$76,478,969 (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

Comm. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Levy Programs and Funding Recommendations

Comm. Stewart made a motion to keep the 2024 levy-funded programs at their current 2023 funding rates and to fund the CHAT position using the anticipated 1% (\$62,740) increase for 2024, subject to Management’s final recommendations on decisions related to the 2024 budget insofar as they impact these programs.

Comm. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Capital Finance ~ Resolution No. 937-23

Comm. Cashman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 937-23 authorizing the District to reimburse capital expenditures from 60 days prior to this date and hereafter, from proceeds of a future borrowing.

Comm. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of five in favor and one abstention.

Comm. Stewart Committee Assignments

Comm. McLaughlin made a motion to approve assigning Comm. Stewart to the Community Advisors Planning and Recruitment Committee, Digital Health & Consumer Innovation Committee, Levy Funded Services Committee, and Strategic Planning and Construction Committee.

Comm. Cashman seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Discussion Items

Medical Staff Update

Chad Bentsen, MD, President of the Medical Staff, noted that patient volumes remain high, we have less travelers, and our peer support team has organized some activities including the first APP workgroup. He also noted that the Medical Staff are still working to update their bylaws.

CEO/Administrative Update

Jeff Tomlin, MD, CEO, discussed the following:

- Purav Bhatt, COO of EHMG, is leaving the organization and Mark Wimley is taking that position on an interim basis.
- Thank you to Mr. Yoder for your advocacy for Behavioral Health.
- We work with Array Behavioral Health to care for our in-home mental health patients and emergency behavioral health care.
- We have a perinatal mood clinic which has been a great success for our patients.
- Canyon Park has one social worker, and we are working on adding a second; they are seeing patients 13 and above.
- We also support mental health services in the Lake Washington School District and the Northshore School District.
- We are in the midst of another payor negotiation and are hopeful for a successful resolution.

Dr. Tomlin responded to questions from the Board throughout.

Commissioner Reports

Comm. Cashman – No report, thank you for a very productive meeting and the updates on mental health services.

Comm. Edwards – The annual Community Advisors application is open, if you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

Comm. Stewart – Thank you for the committee assignments this evening, I look forward to contributing in the future.

Comm. Pilcher – If someone moves into the area and needs psychiatric medication what options do they have? Response: We will put together an educational to review this and other Behavioral Health topics.

Comm. McLaughlin – No report

Comm. Snyder – Thank you for the presentations and my apologies for the late start.

Comm. Hirt – Not present.

Adjourn

The September 21, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District No. 2 was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tim McLaughlin, Secretary/Commissioner
Oct 23, 2023 10:02 AM PDT

Exhibit A – Guests

Name

Bob Yoder

Kobey Sage Chew

Brad Berg

Duncan Brown

Exhibit B - Monthly Voucher Summary

King County Public Hospital District No. 2
 dba EvergreenHealth
 Voucher Summary & Approval #617
 August 2023

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>6 Month Average</u>
Patient & Insurance Refunds	N/A		\$ 291,238	\$ 333,334
Accounts Payable - Warrants/Refunds		various ¹	29,980,263	\$ 28,491,149
Accounts Payable - EFT	N/A		4,335,172 ²	\$ 8,649,160
Risk Management Claims - ACH	N/A		68,332	\$ 61,377
Workers Compensation Claims	902909	903170	170,693	\$ 210,782
First Choice PPO Claims	233433	234883	2,823,627	\$ 2,525,875
Payroll - Warrants	441744	441933	72,031	\$ 86,804
Payroll - Direct Deposit	2002590	2012095	27,316,235 ³	\$ 30,747,933
Payroll Taxes - EFT	N/A		10,793,292 ³	\$ 11,366,311
B & O Taxes - EFT	N/A		628,086	\$ 708,310
			<u>\$ 76,478,969</u>	<u>\$ 83,181,035</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
Abe, James, MD	PM&R / Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Blood, David, MD	Diag. Rad. / Hosp. Med.	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Ekeanya, Nora, DO	Psychiatry / Medicine	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Fahrmeier, Mary, MD	Psychiatry / Medicine	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Kim, Sooyeon, MD	Vascular Surgery / Surgery	Active	09/08/2023 – 08/31/2025
Marie, Jessica, PA-C	PA, Urgent Care / Hosp. Med.	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Neal, Ana Luisa, ARNP, DNP	NP, Family Med. / PC	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Reiner, Matthew, DPM	Podiatry / Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Shepherd, Pierre, MD	Diag. Rad. / Hosp. Med.	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Smith, Saron Ann, MD	Pathology / Hosp. Med.	Courtesy	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Song, Jennifer, DO	Pediatrics / PC	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Tedla, Fantahun, PA-C	PA, Urgent Care / Hosp. Med.	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Tran, Melissa, MD	OB/GYN / W&C	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Tsai, Tsung-Lin, MD	Pathology / Hosp. Med.	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Ungar, Joseph, MD	DR/Interv. Rad. / Hosp. Med.	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Wang, Simeng, ARNP	NP, Pediatrics / PC	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Yap, Samuel, MD	DR/Interv. Rad. / Hosp. Med.	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025

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
Berry, Karli L., ARNP	Bariatrics/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Brahmbhatt, Hetal K., MD	Psychiatry/Medicine	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Cheng, Imelda C., ARNP	Sleep Med/Medicine	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Cordes, Amanda R., PA-C	Orthopedics/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Foley, Christopher P., PharmD	Pharmacy/PC	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Fowers, Taylor N., PA-C	Orthopedics/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Gaal, Austin J., DDS	Oral/Max Surg/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Huang, Ronald L., MD	Adult Hosp/Hosp Med	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Janisch, Amanda J., PharmD	Pharmacy/PC	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Johnson, Marion C., MD	General Surg/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Koh, David A., MD	Pediatrics/PC	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Lavender, Kimberly, ARNP	Gastro/Medicine	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Lee, Joan K., MD	Peds Cardio/Medicine	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Mathur, Salil B., MD	Family Medicine/PC	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
McCallie, Brian J., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Miller, Elizabeth A., MD	Urology/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Min, George G., MD	Plastics/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Morgan, Patricia D., ARNP, DNP	Psychiatry/Medicine	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025

Nakahara, Joseph K., MD	Pediatrics/PC	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Nguyen, Luan V., MD	Anat/Clin Path/Hosp Med	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Nold, Kellen A., PA-C	Neurosurgery/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Olson, Andrew C., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	Telemedicine	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Pham, Khanh N., MD	Urology/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Rao, Laxmi D., MD	Neonatology/W&C	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Rizvi, Anum, PharmD	Pharmacy/PC	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Rodriguez, Raphael N., MD	Anesthesiology/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Rothenberger, Jennifer S., PA-C	Ortho-Spine/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Salerno, Jack C., MD	Peds Cardio/Medicine	Courtesy	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Sangeorzan, Adam P., MD	Orthopedics/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Sasaki, Steven S., MD	Anesthesiology/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Scott, Trevor P., MD	Orthopedics/Surgery	Courtesy	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Sirkis, Hartley M., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Skanse, Laura J., PA-C	Neurosurgery/Surgery	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Smith, Carrie A., PA-C	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	AHP	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Stambaugh III, Lloyd E., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Thomas, Bernadette A., MD	Nephrology/Medicine	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Tomlin, Jeffrey J., MD	Anesthesiology/Surgery	Administrative	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Turner, Joseph E., MD	OBGYN/W&C	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Wei-Behr, Jun, MD	Adult Hosp/Hosp Med	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Won, Alvina, MD	Bariatrics/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025
Zehnder, Ryan J., MD	PM&R/Surgery	Active	09/19/2023 – 08/31/2025

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
Urbanelli, Laura N., PA-C	Diag Radio/Hosp Med	AHP	Proctoring complete for Arthrocentesis and Paracentesis-Thoracentesis

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

NAME	SPECIALTY/DEPT
Cheng, Stephanie MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med
Crutsinger, Jenna L. ARNP	Family Medicine/PC
Hirano, Miki MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med
Matthies, Rich J., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med
McCulloch, Madison MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med
Molloy, Loulie B., MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med
Omer, Dara MD	Diag Radio/Hosp Med

Powell, Ernest L., MD	OBGYN/W&C
Van Hoff, Linda A., ARNP	Family Medicine/PC
Zabriskie, Vinette, MD	OBGYN/W&C