

**Board of Commissioners and Community Advisors Council
Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 1
Regular Board Meeting**

**Minutes
July 31, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Commissioner Accetturo in the Godard Room at EvergreenHealth Monroe. Present from EvergreenHealth Monroe were Commissioner Greg Accetturo; Commissioner Tony Balk; Commissioner Charles Strub; Commissioner Steve Matuschak; Renee Jensen, Sr. Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer; Community Advisor Scot Noel; Community Advisor Janine Dawson; Community Advisor Marci Volmer and Sarah Macht, Executive Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Accetturo called for a motion to approve the May 1, 2018 minutes as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Balk moved to approve the May 1, 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Cabe seconded the motion. ***Motion carried, unanimously voted yes.***

PRESENTATION- Reinstatement of OB Services in Monroe

CAO Renee Jensen presented some slides regarding discussions surrounding bringing OB services back to EvergreenHealth Monroe. A few highlights were:

- Access to care- “From a practical standpoint, when hospitals cut obstetrics, they put the health of the women and infants at greater risk. We have piles of evidence showing that the further women have to travel for maternity care, specifically labor and delivery, the higher rates of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, the farther women have to go, the riskier it is, in part because labor is inherently unpredictable” – Travel times within our district can easily exceed 1 hour to EHM
- Community Connection- delivering babies is something that emotionally connects the hospital to its community. Being able to say ‘I was born at this hospital’ or ‘My baby was born at that hospital’ means a lot. According to Putnum, cutting obstetrics from a hospital “can be one of those things that is really difficult for a community to recovery from”
- Increased Service Volumes- According to a study by Minnesota Rural Health Research Center, rural hospitals that deliver babies have 30% higher surgery volumes, 39% more admissions, and 58% increase in IP days.
- OB and delivery services are the fundamental building blocks that will increase our ability to serve our community and address the priority health needs.
- Our Vision is to create a unique/boutique baby delivery baby experience for both local families that focuses on the whole family. To change the culture of baby delivery from a medical procedure to a more memorable, personalized experience. We want to design a safe, financially realistic, level 1 model for inpatient OB services in Monroe.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Due to the extent of time spent on the OB presentation, CAO Jensen inquired if there were any questions or comments regarding her CAO report that everyone had received ahead of time.

SCPHD#1 BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioner Compensation Review

The commissioners discussed the recently updated state pay increase that was to take place effective July 1st. This pay increase goes into effect automatically and is updated every 5 years. The commissioners had concerns about how this pay increase would impact the hospital budget. CAO Jensen noted that passing a motion to adopt the increase is a formality but technically not required. The motion being considered would alleviate the need for future motions.

Comm. Accetturo made a motion that effective July 1st, 2018, the Board adopt the rate of compensation for District Commissioners specified in WSR 18-11-088 in the sum of \$128 for each day or portion thereof spend in actual attendance at official meetings of the Board or in performance of other official services or duties on behalf of the District, subject to the new annual limit of \$12,288, and that as provided by law, such sum be periodically adjusted in accordance with the state Office of Financial Management consumer price index inflation calculations as published in the Washington State Register, with an effective date as specified by the Office of Financial Management, to take effect without further Board action.

Motion: Commissioner Balk and Cabe voted against this motion. Commissioner Strub, Matuschak and Accetturo voted for the motion. ***Motion carried with 2 against and 3 for.***

Resolution 2018-04: Recognition of Robert Malte

The Resolution No. 2018-04 in recognition of Robert Malte was discussed and considered.

Commissioner Accetturo called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-04

Motion: Commissioner Balk moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Cabe seconded the motion. ***Motion carried, unanimously voted yes.***

Special Meeting Date to Discuss Levy Lift

CAO Jensen asked the Board members to provide dates for a special meeting to discuss a possible levy lift. Executive Assistant, Sarah Macht will send out a Survey Monkey with possible dates for this event. In addition to this special meeting CAO Jensen is trying to arrange a special educational session for the commissioners. We will need to choose a date for this meeting as well.

COMMUNITY ADVISOR OPEN FEEDBACK FORUM

Commissioner Accetturo opened the floor to discuss anything the Community Advisors would like to discuss. Community Advisor Dawson commented that someone she knows just started working at EvergreenHealth Monroe and she reported she absolutely loves it.

ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

ATTEST:



Gregory Accetturo, Board Chair &
Commissioner



Charles Strub MD, Board Secretary
& Commissioner

Stephen Matuschak, Commissioner



Alice Cabe, Commissioner



Anthony Balk, Commissioner