

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 via Zoom. Director Yee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led those in attendance of the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call was taken: Directors present: Jeannie Yee; Bernard Stewart, DDS; Michael Wallace; Jacob Eapen, MD; William Nicholson, MD;
Absent:

ROLL CALL

Also present: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer; Dee Antonio, District Clerk

Guests: Chris Henry, Tina Nunez, Larry LaBossiere, Paul Kozachenko, Mary Bowron, Debbie Feary, Kristin Ferguson, Scott Haggerty, Dr. Shakir Hyder, Kel Kanady, John Lee, Nick Legge, Dr. Brian Smith, Larry Tramutola, Felipe Villaneuva, John Zubiena, and Sri Boddu.

Director Yee welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting. She noted that in order to continue to protect the health and safety of the members of the Board, District staff, and members of the public from the dangers posed by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the Brown Act allows a local agency to continue to hold its meetings remotely as opposed to being required to meet in-person. Section 54953(e)(3) of the Government Code requires that the Board make certain findings every 30 days to continue meeting remotely. One such finding is that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” The Alameda County Health Officer continues to recommend social distancing and the wearing of masks indoors, as referenced by the Alameda County Health Care Services Public Health Department COVID-19 website at www.covid-19.acgov.org.

OPENING REMARKS

In accordance with District law, policies, and procedures, Director Nicholson moved that the Board of Directors make the finding required by Section 54953(e)(3)(B)(ii) of the Government Code that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” Director Eapen seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

- Jeannie Yee – aye
- Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
- Michael Wallace – aye
- Jacob Eapen, MD – aye
- William Nicholson, MD – aye

The motion carried and the finding is affirmed.

Director Yee noted that Public Notice for this meeting, including connection information, was posted appropriately on our website. This meeting, conducted via Zoom, is being recorded for broadcast at a later date.

There were no Oral communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
ORAL*

There were no Written communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
WRITTEN*

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Director Yee presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the District Board: April 13, April 18, April 25, and April 27, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 1241: Calling a District General Election to be Held in Washington Township Health Care District on November 8, 2022
- C. Resolution No. 1242: Ordering the Consolidation of the Health Care District General Election to be Held in Washington Township Health Care District of Alameda County, State of California on November 8, 2022, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on November 8, 2022 and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda to Consolidate Said Health Care District General Election with Said Statewide General Election, insofar as the Territory in Which Said Elections Are to be Held Is the Same
- D. Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors Policies, New/Reviewed/Revised 2022

In accordance with District law, policies, and procedures, Director Nicholson moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, items A through D. Director Nicholson seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Jeannie Yee – aye
Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
Michael Wallace – aye
Jacob Eapen, MD – aye
William Nicholson, MD – aye

The motion unanimously carried.

Kimberly Hartz, CEO, expressed appreciation to Nursing and Hospital staff and reviewed the celebratory events held during Nurses Week and Hospital Week.

*PRESENTATION:
NURSES' WEEK /
HOSPITAL WEEK*

John Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented Everything MyChart, also known as The Patient Portal. The reasons for using MyChart include the improvement of care coordination, tracking your personal patient information, the ability to communicate directly with physicians and clinic staff, the ability to view your history of labs and other test results, the ability to request refills of medications, and for direct scheduling and eCheck-in. He explained the current option to sign up for MyChart and how to access through the Washington Hospital website.

*PRESENTATION:
EVERYTHING
MyCHART*

Mr. Lee noted some that future enhancements to MyChart such as Bill Pay, direct scheduling for additional WTMF clinics, and pre-procedure instructions are being planned for the future.

Kimberly Hartz and Tina Nunez reported on the conclusions of the trauma center study conducted by Bishop & Associates on the feasibility of a 3rd trauma center in

*TRAUMA CENTER
DESIGNATION REPORT*

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Alameda County. She noted that the recommendations to the Alameda County EMS Agency included:

- Alameda County will need one additional Level II Trauma Center in the next five years.
- Alameda County should not add two additional Level II Trauma Centers in the next ten years.
- Washington Hospital Health Care District is equipped to meet the needs of more Alameda County residents
- Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare could be considered as a Trauma Center in the next 10-20 years.

Ms. Hartz reviewed the data submitted by Bishop & Associates and noted that there was strong South County support for Trauma Care at Washington Hospital. She also noted that the process of becoming a trauma center is a large undertaking as it related to ensuring that we have the appropriate physician coverage and other operational components in place.

The decision will ultimately be made by the Alameda County EMSA.

Dr. Shakir Hyder, Chief of Staff, reported there are 573 Medical Staff members including 346 active members. He expressed appreciation to all the nurses and hospital staff for their work in taking care of our patients now and during COVID. He noted the COVID numbers are rising in California.

*MEDICAL STAFF
REPORT*

Debbie Feary, Service League President, reported that the Service League contributed 1,344 hours over the past month. The Masquerade \$5 jewelry sale was held the end of April and earned \$6000 in commissions. Appreciation was expressed for the volunteer luncheon.

*SERVICE LEAGUE
REPORT*

Mary Bowron, Chief of Quality and Resource Management presented the Quality Dashboard for the quarter ending March 31, 2022 comparing WHHS statistics to State and National benchmarks. We had two MRSA Bloodstream Infections this past quarter. We had two Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections, which was above the predicted number of infections (1.629). We had one Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI), which was lower than predicted. We had zero infections following colon surgery and zero infections following abdominal hysterectomy. C-Difficile: We had two hospital-wide C. diff infections. Hand Hygiene was at 89%.

*QUALITY REPORT:
QUALITY DASHBOARD
FOR QUARTER
ENDING MARCH 2022*

Our moderate fall with injury rate of 0.38 was lower than the national rate for the quarter at 0.59. Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer rate of 0% was lower than the national rate this past quarter.

Our 30-day readmission rate for AMI discharges was below the CMS benchmark (3.2% versus 15.8%). We had a higher percent of 30-day Medicare pneumonia readmissions compared to the CMS national benchmark (18.6% versus 16.7%). 30-

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day Medicare Heart Failure readmissions were higher (28.6% versus 21.9%) than the CMS benchmark. Our 30-day Medicare Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) readmission rate was lower than the CMS benchmark (12.5% versus 19.7%). Our 30-day Medicare CABG readmission rate was lower (12% versus 12.6%) than the CMS benchmark. Our 30-day Medicare Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) was higher than the CMS benchmark (5.6% versus 4.0%).

Chris Henry, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for March 2022. The average daily inpatient census was 164.5 with admissions of 801 resulting in 5,100 patient days. Outpatient observation equivalent days were 317. The average length of stay was 6.01 days. The case mix index was 1.621. Deliveries were 110. Surgical cases were 442. The Outpatient visits were 8,606. Emergency visits were 4,202. Cath Lab cases were 233. Joint Replacement cases were 205. Neurosurgical cases were 31. Cardiac Surgical cases were 14. Total FTEs were 1,601.3. FTEs per adjusted occupied bed were 5.66.

FINANCE REPORT

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Hospital Operations Report for April 2022. Preliminary information for the month indicated total gross revenue at approximately \$181,915,000 against a budget of \$177,662,000. We had 22 COVID-19 discharges which represented 3% of total discharges.

*HOSPITAL
OPERATIONS REPORT*

The Average Length of Stay was 5.99. The Average Daily Inpatient Census was 140.5. There were 13 discharges with lengths of stay greater than 30 days, ranging from 31 to 117. Still in house at the end of April were nine patients with length of stays of over 30 days and counting (highest at 341).

There were 4,216 patient days. There were 373 Surgical Cases and 200 Cath Lab cases at the Hospital. Outpatient joint cases were budgeted to begin migrating to Peninsula Surgery Center in October 2021; we are expecting PSC operations to being in June.

Deliveries were 106. Non-Emergency Outpatient visits were 7,414. Emergency Room visits were 4,186. Total Government Sponsored Preliminary Payor Mix was 74.3%, against the budget of 73.1%. Total FTEs per Adjusted Occupied Bed were 6.12. The Washington Outpatient Surgery Center had 456 cases and the clinics had approximately 16,432 visits.

There were \$165,000 in charity care applications pending or approved in April.

- As of Monday, May 2nd, a total of 87,940 COVID vaccine doses have been administered to community members at our vaccination clinic, including 3,588 vaccinations of children ages 5-11 years old.
- During the month of April, WHHS hosted twelve students from Mission Valley Regional Occupation Program for a job shadowing program.
- Tuesday, April 19th: Treatments and Procedures for Common Spine Conditions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Saturday, April 23rd: HERS Breast Foundatio recognized Dr. Bogdan Eftimie with the Foundation's Renewal Award at their 13th Annual People with Purpose Gala.
- Saturday, April 23rd: Earth Day 2022 Let's Go Green Event
- Wednesday, April 27th: Diabetes Self-Management: Lesser-known Factors Impacting Blood Glucose Levels
- Scheduled for Thursday, May 12th: Kindergarten Readiness
- Scheduled for Thursday, May 12th: Dr. Seema Sehgal will be at Ardenwood Elementary School for National Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th: Advance Health Care Directives and POLST at Acacia Creek Retirement Community in Union City
- Scheduled for Thursday, May 19th: Celebration of Life.
- Scheduled for Friday, May 20th: Annual Bike to Work Day.
- At the April Quarterly meeting of the Foundation, Trustees voted to disburse \$277,508.09 to the Hospital to support with COVID-19 response needs and equipment for the ER and Special Care Nursery.
- May Employee of the Month: Theresa Wallace, Patient Account Representative, Finance Division

There being no further business, Director Yee adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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Jeannie Yee
President

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William Nicholson, M.D.
Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 1241

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF ALAMEDA
COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALLING A DISTRICT GENERAL
ELECTION TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH CARE
DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

WHEREAS, Section 32100 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California provides that the elective officers of a local health care district shall be a board of directors consisting of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a registered voter residing in the District and whose term shall be four (4) years;

WHEREAS, the term of three Directors, out of the existing Directors, shall expire at noon on the first Friday of December of 2022;

WHEREAS, Section 32100.5 of the Health and Safety Code provides that an election, which shall be known as the Health Care District General Election, shall be held in each local health care district on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, at which a successor shall be chosen for each officer whose term shall expire;

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Health Care District General Election shall be consolidated with the statewide General Election pursuant to Part 3 of Division 10 (commencing with Section 10400) of the Elections Code, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for each office to be filled at such election shall be elected hereto; and

WHEREAS, the term of office of each of the three (3) persons elected to fill those terms expiring at noon on the first Friday of December 2022 shall be four (4) years or until his or her successor is elected and has qualified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That in accordance with the provision of Section 32100 and 32100.5 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, a Health Care District General Election be and the same hereby is called and the same shall be held in said Washington Township Health Care District of Alameda County, State of California, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from the hour of 7:00 o'clock a.m., of said day until the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m., of said day during which period of time electors of the said Washington Township Health Care District may vote for the successor of each of the three (3) members of the Board of Directors of Washington Township Health Care District of Alameda County, State of California, whose terms are about to expire, to serve for terms of four (4) years;

5. That the Secretary of this Board of Directors is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of Washington Township Health Care District this 11th day of May, 2022, by the following vote:


AYES: Directors Yee, Stewart, Wallace, Eapen, Nicholson

NOES:

ABSENT:

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JEANNIE YEE
President, Board of Directors
Washington Township Health Care District

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WILLIAM NICHOLSON, MD
Secretary, Board of Directors
Washington Township Health Care District