

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 via Zoom in order to comply with California Governor Gavin Newsom's and Alameda County's mandatory orders to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain restrictions on movement and public gathering. Director Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, recognized Veterans Day, 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: Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD; Jeannie Yee; Jacob Eapen, MD; Bernard Stewart, DDS
Absent:

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Ed Fayen, Chris Henry, Tina Nunez, Stephanie Williams, Paul Kozachenko, Prasad Kilaru MD, Mary Bowron, John Lee, Angus Cochran, Dr. Jeff Stuart, Dr. David Lee, Erica Luna, Kel Kanady, Sri Boddu, Larry Tramutola, Gordon Howie, Lisalee Wells, Graham Beck, and Scott Haggerty

Director Wallace welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting. He stated that Governor's Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 explicitly waives The Brown Act provision that requires physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in, or quorum for, a public meeting. He noted that Washington Township Health Care District continues to comply with the Brown Act in providing appropriate connection information in order to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the meeting and that Public Notice for this meeting, including connection information, was posted appropriately on our website.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Wallace announced that this meeting, conducted via Zoom, will be recorded for broadcast at a later date.

When asked if any members of the general public were in attendance and/or interested in speaking, there was no response.

Director Wallace presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the District Board: October 14, 19, 26, and 28, 2020
- B. Medical Staff Credentialing Action Items
- C. Non-Budgeted Capital Request: Pneumatic Tube System Upgrade (\$201,294.00)
- D. Budgeted Capital Request: FY21 PACS Upgrade Project (\$237,220.00)
- E. Budgeted Capital Request: Epic Infrastructure Upgrade Project (\$261,477.00)
- F. Unbudgeted Capital Request: Paving of the Old Emergency Room Parking Lot (\$62,288.00)

In accordance with District law, policies, and procedures, Director Eapen moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, items A through F.

Director Yee seconded the motion.

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Roll call was taken:

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

The motion unanimously carried.

There were no Oral communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
ORAL*

There were no Written communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS:
WRITTEN*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Director Wallace virtually presented Scott Haggerty with a Commendation for representing Alameda County's District 1 for twenty-four years. The Commendation was read in its entirety. The Commendation Plaque will be given to Mr. Haggerty in person at a future date.

*COMMENDATION:
SCOTT HAGGERTY*

Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Consultant Larry Tramutola who talked about the pending results of the Measure XX Initiative on the November 3rd election ballot.

*ANNOUNCEMENT:
MEASURE XX
ELECTION RESULTS*

Kimberly Hartz introduced Dr. David Lee, Medical Director for the UCSF-WHHS Oncology Program. He presented information on the immune system and the ways that cancer evades the immune system. He talked about the development of immunotherapy in treating cancer by stimulating one's own body's immune system to fight off various forms of cancer cells. He discussed modern immunotherapy and described a successful treatment for one of his patients with a diagnosis of metastatic lung cancer. Dr. Lee talked about the UCSF-Washington partnership in providing immunotherapy treatments as a routine part of day-t0-day cancer care as well as the two newly opened clinical trials.

*PRESENTATION:
CANCER
IMMUNOTHERAPY*

Kimberly Hartz introduced Dr. Ramin Beygui, Medical Director for the UCSF-WHHS Cardiothoracic Surgery Program, and Dr. Jeff Stuart, WHHS Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Stuart introduced the Program noting that Dr. Beygui will be the site director for the program. The anticipated start date will be in December. This program was originally approved by UCSF in 1968, expanded in 2006, and is being extended to Washington Hospital in 2020. We are expected to do as many as 125 cases per year, including pre-operative care, evaluation, post-operative care, and follow up. This will be an Action Item for Board Approval at the November 16th meeting.

*PRESENTATION: UCSF
CARDIOTHORACIC
SURGERY RESIDENCY
PROGRAM/CT
FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM*

Kimberly Hartz spoke on the celebration of Veterans Day and the commemorative Veterans Recognition Wall located at Washington West. The following names were added to the Veterans Recognition Wall this year: Jamie Conley, Troy Evans, Javier

*PRESENTATION:
VETERANS DAY
RECOGNITION*

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Flores, Michael Meade, and Marc O'Campo. Ms. Hartz spoke on Washington Hospital's leave policy that allows members of the Armed Forces or National Guard to be granted military leave from work for the period required when called to active duty for training, inactive duty training, or active duty.

Dr. Prasad Kilaru reported there are 586 Medical Staff members including 348 active members.

*MEDICAL STAFF
REPORT*

Mary Bowron, Chief of Quality and Resource Management presented the Quality Dashboard for the quarter ending September 30, 2020 comparing WHHS statistics to State and National benchmarks. We had Zero MRSA Bloodstream Infections this past quarter and one VRE Infection this past quarter. Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections: Our infection rate was higher than predicted. Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection: Our infection rate was higher than predicted at 4.350. C-Difficile: We were lower than predicted this past quarter. We had no infections following colon surgery which was below the predicted number of infections. We had no infections following abdominal hysterectomy which was below the predicted number of infections. Hand Hygiene was at 86.1%.

*QUALITY REPORT:
QUALITY DASHBOARD
QUARTER ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020*

Our moderate fall with injury rate was higher than the national rate for the quarter at 13.64. Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer rate was below the national rate this past quarter.

We had a higher percent of 30-day medicare pneumonia readmissions compared to the CMS national benchmark (28.5% versus 16.6%). Our 30-day readmission rate for AMI discharges was above the CMS benchmark (24.0% versus 16.1%). 30-day Medicare Heart Failure readmissions were higher (25.4% versus 21.9%) than the CMS benchmark. Our 30-day Medicare CABG readmission rate was lower (0.0% versus 12.7%) than the CMS benchmark. Our 30-day Medicare Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) was lower than the CMS benchmark (2.1% versus 4.0%). Our 30-day Medicare Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) readmission rate was lower than the CMS benchmark (12.5% versus 19.6%).

Chris Henry, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for September 2020. The average daily census was 142.6 with admissions of 797 resulting in 4,279 patient days. Outpatient observation equivalent days were 214. The average length of stay was 5.90 days. The case mix index was 1.679. Deliveries were 113. Surgical cases were 367. Joint Replacement cases were 158. Neurosurgical cases were 27. Cardiac Surgical cases were 12. The Outpatient visits were 7,092; Emergency visits were 3,482; RSTU visits were 1,260. Total productive FTEs were 1,366.5. FTEs per adjusted occupied bed were 6.94.

FINANCE REPORT

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Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Hospital Operations Report for October 2020. Preliminary information for the month indicated gross revenue at approximately \$173,663,000. The Average Length of Stay was 5.16, which was due in part to the shift in joint surgeries from inpatient to outpatient. Approximately 77% of all joint replacements were performed as outpatient cases in October. The Average Daily Census was 133.4. There were 4,135 patient days. There were 381 Surgical Cases and 330 Cath Lab procedures at the Hospital. Deliveries were 115. Non-Emergency Outpatient visits were 7,912. RSTU visits were 1,894. Total Government Sponsored Preliminary Payor Mix was 73.1%, against the budget of 71.1%. Total FTEs per Adjusted Occupied Bed were 6.82. The Washington Outpatient Surgery Center had 482 cases and the clinics saw approximately 3,173 patients. Homeless Patient Total Encounters were 179 with an estimated unreimbursed cost of homeless care of \$59,000 for the month of October. The estimated total unreimbursed cost of homeless care for FY21 Year-to-Date was \$1.7M.

*HOSPITAL
OPERATIONS REPORT*

- Thursday, October 15th: Annual Think Pink Breast Health Awareness event on Facebook Live and YouTube.
- Saturday, October 24th: WTMF hosted a flu vaccination drive-through event at the Nakamura Clinic in Union City. 171 community members received flu vaccination.
- Wednesday, November 4th: “Emotional Wellness During the Holidays” on Facebook Live and YouTube
- The Macquerade Jewelry Sale will be hosted online this year through December 31st.
- Joyce Calixto, RN MSN, Staff Nurse II, 4-West, is the November Employee of the Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In accordance with District Policies and Procedures, Director Eapen moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 1218 which is the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Washington Township Health Care District approving the issuance and sale of and determining to proceed with the negotiated sale of certain refunding bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$51,000,000, approving the execution and delivery of a supplemental indenture, a bond purchase contract, an escrow agreement, a continuing disclosure agreement, a preliminary official statement and certain other actions related thereto.

*ACTION: RESOLUTION
1218*

Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

The motion unanimously carried.

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In accordance with Health & Safety Code Sections 32106 and 32155 and California Government Code 54956.9(d)(2), Director Wallace adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:07 p.m., as the discussion pertained to a Report of Medical Staff and Quality Assurance pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32155. Mr. Wallace stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since this is a Teleconference call and we have no way of knowing when the closed session will end, the public was informed they could contact the District Clerk for the Board's report beginning November 12, 2020. He indicated that the minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Director Wallace reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:15 p.m. and reported that no reportable action occurred in closed session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business, Director Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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