

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
Francie Walters Board Room, Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries, Idaho

MINUTES

Attendees: Carol Humphrey Mike LaPlante Peggy Cuvala
Dave Cox Ron Hodge Richard Schumacker
Dan Hammes

Staff: Chuck Lloyd Lori Minier Rebecca Plante
Dr. Bill Wheeler Rachel Ewert

Other: Phil Lampert, County Commissioner

1. Call to Order – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 7:47 a.m.

2. Executive Session

At 7:48 a.m., a **motion** made by Cuvala, second by Hodge, to adjourn into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(j) Provider Contract. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. The motion passed.

Present at this time: Humphrey, LaPlante, Cuvala, Schumacker, Hodge, Hammes, Cox, Lloyd, Minier, Ewert, Plante, Wheeler and Lampert.

Wheeler and Ewert exited at 7:48 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:08 a.m.

Wheeler and Ewert entered at 8:09 a.m.

3. Regular Session

4. Approve Minutes – A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Cuvala, to approve the meeting minutes from August 26, 2021 and September 8, 2021. The motion passed.

5. Open Forum/Visitors

5.1. Grow Your Own RN Proposal – Humphrey stated that the Grown Your Own RN proposal was approved by the Board via email poll. Humphrey requested formal action at today’s meeting. Ewert stated that we are expecting four internal applications and hope for even more interest next year. The Board agreed on option 2 within the proposal. A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Hammes, to approve the Grown your Own RN proposal. The motion passed.

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Performance Improvement Committee – Schumacker stated that PI did not meet in person in October due to the rise in COVID cases. Instead, Kristi Masterson had managers email her their project updates.

6.2. Finance Committee – Hammes stated that the finance report was given in the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.

6.2.1. August Financials – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Hodge, to approve the August Financials. The motion passed.

6.2.2. September Financials – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the September Financials. The motion passed.

6.3. Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy – Cox stated that there are no policies from Administration at this time, and the committee has not met.

6.4. Medical Staff Committee – Hodge stated that the October Medical Staff meeting was held via conference line. At their meeting, the Medical Staff discussed crisis standards of care. Wheeler explained how crisis standards of care would work, if implemented. Discussion regarding vaccines and booster shots.

7. Medical Staff – Dr. Wheeler stated that he will be out of office beginning March 1, 2022 for three months; discussion followed.

7.1. Reappointments

7.1.1. Michael Ettner, MD – Dr. Wheeler stated that the Medical Staff approved Dr. Michael Ettner's reappointment at their August meeting. Wheeler added that Dr. Ettner is an outstanding Physician who is very compassionate. A **motion** made by Cuvala, second by Hammes, to approve Dr. Ettner's reappointment to the Medical Staff. The motion passed.

7.1.2. Brent Bowles, CRNA – Dr. Wheeler stated that the Medical Staff approved CRNA Brent Bowles' reappointment at their September meeting. A **motion** made by Cuvala, second by Cox, to approved CRNA Brent Bowles' reappointment to the Medical Staff. The motion passed.

8. Contracts

8.1. Daniel Nadig, MD, Contract Amendment –Minier stated that Dr. Nadig will be transitioning to a PRN status effective January 1, 2022. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by LaPlante, to approve Dr. Nadig's contract amendment. The motion passed.

8.2. Michael Ettner, MD Contract – Minier stated that current ER Physician Dr. Michael Ettner has applied for the full-time employed ER position. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Hammes, to approve Dr. Ettner's new, full-time contract. The motion passed.

8.3. Brent Bowles, CRNA Contract – Minier stated that CRNA Brent Bowles has requested contract changes as previously discussed with the Board. A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cuvala, to approve CRNA Brent Bowles' new contract. The motion passed.

9. Administrative Reports/Questions – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following items: Federal vaccine mandate, patient transfers, PRN Chemo. Nurse, RN scholarship program (reaching out to community for extra support).

9.1. Seventh Resolution: Designation of Records Custodians – Plante stated that this resolution names the Custodian of Records at BCH. Diane Lounsbury is the current Custodian of Records, and we are adding Charissa Spence. A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Hammes, to approve the Seventh Resolution: Designation of Records Custodians. The motion passed.

10. Follow-Up Items

10.1. COVID Update – Lloyd included hospital transfers for the beginning of October in his Board report to show how busy it was during the COVID surge. We are hoping to return to a somewhat normal state of affairs; discussion followed. *Wheeler exited at 8:38 a.m.*

11. Communications

11.1. IHA Updates – Nothing to report currently.

11.2. BetterCARE Update – Hodge stated that the Girls Volleyball team raised \$3,000 with their “pink out the gym” fundraiser to help out BetterCARE. Administration submitted a request to BetterCARE to cover costs of textbooks for the students who receive the RN scholarship. Worch in Chemo. made a request for a laptop and PotlatchDeltic agreed to purchase this for her. The BetterCARE committee has been communicating via email/conference call.

11.3. Fall Board Meeting Date – Reminder: The November Finance and Board Meetings will be Wednesday, November 24th beginning at 7:00 a.m.

12. Executive Session

At 8:43 a.m., a **motion** made by Cuvala, second by Hammes, to adjourn into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) Personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(1)(j) Provider Contract & Other Contract Manners. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. The motion passed.

Present at this time: Humphrey, LaPlante, Cuvala, Schumacker, Hodge, Hammes, Cox, Lloyd, Minier, Ewert, Plante and Lampert.

Minier, Ewert, and Plante exited at 8:43 a.m. Schumacker exited at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman