

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 22, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Francie Walters Board Room, Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries, Idaho

MINUTES

Attendees:	Carol Humphrey Dan Hammes	Mike LaPlante Gary Green	Dave Cox Suzy Epler
Staff:	Chuck Lloyd, <i>CEO</i> Rebecca Plante, <i>Exec. Assistant/Board Secretary</i> Cooper Wester, MD, <i>Chief of Staff</i>	Lori Minier, <i>CFO</i>	Carleen Walker, <i>ADNS</i>

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 7:52 a.m.
2. **Regular Session**
3. **Approve Minutes** – A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Cox, to approve the meeting minutes from August 25, 2022 and September 7, 2022. The motion passed.
4. **Open Forum/Visitors** – None
5. **Board Committee Reports**
 - 5.1. **Performance Improvement Committee** – Humphrey reported that the PI Committee meets quarterly with their next meeting in October.
 - 5.2. **Finance Committee** – Hammes stated that the finance report was given in the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.
 - 5.2.1. **August Financials** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the August Financials. The motion passed.
 - 5.3. **Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy Committee**
 - 5.3.1. **Appoint Vice Chairman** – Cox stated that there is a vacancy in the Board of Directors Executive Committee as Ron Hodge was the Vice Chair. The Committee is recommending appointing Peggy Cuvala as Vice Chair. Cox gave Cuvala's background. A **motion** made by Cox, second by Hammes, to approve the appointment of Peggy Cuvala as Vice Chairman. The motion passed.
6. **Medical Staff Committee** – Cuvala was absent. *Wester entered at 8:00a.m.*
7. **Contracts** – Minier stated that we have 3 CRNAs who have agreed to provide PRN shifts with a 3-month LOCUM agreement; Minier explained the agreements.
 - 7.1. **Jason Marshall, CRNA** –A **motion** made by Hammes, second by LaPlante, to approve the contract for CRNA Jason Marshall. The motion passed.

7.2. **Mark Harrell, CRNA** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Green, to approve the contract for CRNA Mark Harrell. The motion passed.

7.3. **Steve Kimm, CRNA** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Epler, to approve the contract for CRNA Steve Kimm. The motion passed.

8. Medical Staff –

8.1. Initial Appointments

8.1.1. **Robert Seeley, MD** – Dr. Wester stated that Dr. Seeley is an ER Physician from Kootenai Health. The Medical Staff is recommending his initial appointment. A **motion** made by Cox, second by Hammes, to approve Dr. Robert Seeley’s initial appointment. The motion passed.

8.2. Reappointments

8.2.1. **Frederick Ragan, MD** – Dr. Wester stated that Dr. Ragan is due for his reappointment to the Medical Staff; no issues or concerns with his file. The Medical Staff is recommending the reappointment of Dr. Ragan. A **motion** made by Cox, second by LaPlante, to approve Dr. Frederick Ragan’s reappointment. The motion passed.

9. **Administrative Reports/Questions** – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following items: Positive progress with the ER’s PI project; the Northwest Hospital Alliance; Area hospitals that have struggled since COVID; BCH’s relationship with Kootenai Health.

10. **Follow-Up Items** – Green brought up the ER hospital designation discussed at the recent Special meeting. Lloyd stated that this program launches Jan. 1, 2023; discussion followed. Lloyd has Eide Bailly looking into this for us as there are currently a lot of unknowns. Lloyd stated that Nellie from The Murray Group will attend the October Board meeting to discuss our renewal. Lampert gave information to Lloyd for IIIA, a self-funded insurance plan for Idaho public agencies. Representatives for IIIA came onsite yesterday to start gathering information to provide us a quote. Their insurance is through Blue Cross of Idaho. The goal is to get better coverage for staff at lesser cost. Our current insurance is very expensive for families. Hammes asked about our contractals compared to other hospitals.

11. Communications

11.1. **IHA Updates** – Cuvala was absent.

11.2. **BetterCARE Update** – No update.

Wester and Walker exited at 8:28 a.m.

12. Executive Session

At 8:29 a.m., a **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to adjourn into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) Personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(1)(j) Provider Contract & Other Contract Matters. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. The motion passed.

Present at this time: Humphrey, LaPlante, Hammes, Cox, Epler, Green, Lampert, Lloyd, Minier, Plante, and Lampert.

Plante exited at 8:38 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman