



OKANOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 3
d/b/a Mid-Valley Hospital
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. in the Family Medical Building, room C/D

PRESENT:

Gary Oestreich, Chairman
Evon LaGrou, Secretary
Ellen Delaney, Commissioner

Jerry Bowes, Vice-Chairman
Brent Yusi, Commissioner

STAFF:

Alan Fisher, Administrator

Holly Stanley, CFO

Becky Corson, Clinic Administrator

Megan Barton, Exec. Asst/Risk Manager (scribe)

Randy Coffell, HR Director

Rebecca Christoph, RN, DCPS

Mikaela Marion, Director of Marketing & PR

REGRETS: Dr. Anton McCourtie, Chief of Staff; Dr. Jennifer Thill, Chief Medical Officer

GUESTS: Betsy DeVries, Cerner Community Works; Andy Fisher, Cerner Community Works; Christopher Freel, IT Manager; Aliya Quidwai, RN, ED Manager

I. Call to Order: Commissioner Oestreich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in room C/D of the Family Medical Building.

A. Acceptance/Changes to Agenda: No changes were made.

B. Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2018 Board Meeting:

- i. Commissioner Bowes motioned to approve the board minutes from October 9, 2018. Commissioner LaGrou seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

II. Cerner Corporation EHR Proposal Presentation

A. **Commissioner Delaney moved to approve the implementation of Cerner at the costs presented in the disclosed Capital Investment and Monthly operating Investment Proposal, HR and Payroll Solution Proposal and Travel Estimate Proposal plus applicable taxes. Commissioner LaGrou seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Andy Fisher and Betsy DeVries presented the Capital Investment and Monthly operating Investment Proposal, HR & Payroll Solution Proposal, and Travel Estimate Proposal as submitted to the board. (Aliya Quidwai, RN, joined the meeting at 5:33 pm) Review of completed due diligence including 24 milestone events completed over 10 months of onsite visits with staff and department leads

that led to the decision to partner with Cerner. The hospital reached out to several of Cerner's clients and completed site visits. Cerner allows for consolidation of third party integration by offering solutions meeting the needs of MVH in a centralized software service. Real-time interfaces are embedded in the Cerner system which will reduce the need to open additional screens to complete patient check-in and other services. Processes and improvements will be benchmarked by comparing Meditech to the progress made with the launch of Cerner. The reports will be shared with Administration and the Board. Cerner's platform provides one patient record across the organization which will provide better outcomes and better documentation by having all monitors (fetal, heart, etc.) connected to the chart.

The submitted proposal includes onsite training and testing events throughout a 12 month period to ensure successful go-live. Cerner has a division completely dedicated to assisting critical access hospitals. A portion will be covered by 2015 bond funds. The implementation plan was reviewed including scheduled weekly calls and onsite visits. Analytics will be reviewed to help providers correct work flows. Clinic providers have expressed their support in the Cerner implementation. The population health metrics are faster saving a lot of the population health nurse's time. ED, OB, and AC nursing staff were impressed when Cerner was onsite. Ms. Quidwai commented on the current OB, ED, and AC systems in Meditech which are all different and the difficulty nurses have when floating between departments and needing to navigate on the separate systems. ERx providers have also expressed excitement of Cerner, several have used Cerner in the past and are familiar with it. The Meditech upgrade that was considered is a MS Windows-based product and better than what we currently have but still did not allow for one platform with efficiencies for all departments. Four different EMRs were considered. Meditech's cost for the upgrade was significantly more than Cerner. Being able to pull clinic records for an ED patient will be more efficient and time saving. The Cerner contract has been reviewed by legal counsel that specializes in EMR and is familiar with Cerner.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. **Commissioner Bowes moved to approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner LaGrou seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Commissioner Committee/Liaison Reports: (Ms. DeVries, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Freel, and Ms. Quidwai, RN, left the meeting at 6:08 pm.)

A. Finance (Brent/Ellen)

i. September Financials/Monthly Patient Statistics

September ended with a net loss of **-\$15,839**, the YTD loss is **-\$147,418** as compared to this time last year at **-\$686,633**.

Statistics were down but showed an increase in observation days and therapy visits. Locum coverage is down to \$91,000 as compared to back in January when it was \$290,000. One OB RN position has been filled and they will start in December, other interviews are scheduled. A grant for \$10,000 was received from DOH to help cover the pharmacy pricing analysis. Administration

noted being proud of the efforts staff have made to be more fiscally responsible, control expenses, and drive revenue. The Up-To-Date subscription was covered by the Shelly Denge Fund and is included in the 2019 budget.

ii. 2019 Preliminary Budget Presentation

1. Review of the submitted budget and proposed capital expenditures handed out at the meeting. Every manager was involved in reviewing expenses and FTEs providing input. Cerner implementation is included. Locum coverage was also included in the budget to cover vacation and leave vacancies. 2019 capital requests were reviewed. \$1.15M from the 2015 bond will be used for the Cerner implementation, \$100,000 was also marked for the watermain upgrade but continues to be on hold pending response from the Bureau of Reclamation. The final budget will be presented at the next meeting.

B. Facilities/Equipment (Brent/Gary) Has not met.

C. Internal Relations (Ellen/Jerry)

i. Admission/Discharge/Transfer Process

1. **Commissioner LaGrou motioned to approve the new Admission/Discharge/Transfer Process Policy as submitted. Commissioner Delaney seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed.**

ii. Processing Provider Orders: IP & OP ellen/evon

1. **Commissioner LaGrou motioned to approve the new Processing Provider Orders: IP & OP Policy as submitted. Commissioner Delaney seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed.**

D. External Relations (Jerry/Evon) – meets Thursday.

E. Executive (Gary/Evon) Has not met.

V. Clinic Report

- A. Continuing to recruit for a behavioral health professional. Traci Miller and Becky Corson met with OBHC to discuss opportunity of imbedding a clinician in the clinic and offering services including telehealth. Also discussed with OBHC about county-wide collaborations to address the opioid crisis in the communities. Dr. Bradford is out due to an injury and considerations for bringing in locums to cover are being made or having Dr. McCourtie for emergency c-sections in his absence. Dr. McCourtie is also out and working on a release to come back to work. Dr. Thompson will arrive in town next week. Working on inter-local agreements with NVH and TRH for general surgery. Another summit is scheduled to continue discussion about OB coverage in the county.

VI. Old Business:

A. Contracted and Public Works Policy

- i. **Commissioner Bowes motioned to approve the Contracted and Public Works Policy as presented. Commissioner Delaney seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

VII. New Business:

A. Board Meeting Schedule

- i. Mr. Fisher presented the opportunity to consider changing the board meetings to occur once per month instead of twice. Discussion included commissioners sharing concerns that there have been missing agenda topics and feel there is a need to continue with two board meetings per month. The discussion ended with four commissioners against changing the meetings. It was suggested the Executive Committee review this topic and address as needed.

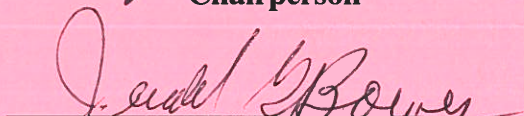
VIII. Comments/Announcements:

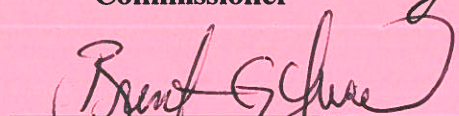
A. Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2018

- IX. Adjourn: **Commissioner LaGrou motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Delaney seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.


Chairperson


Commissioner


Vice Chairperson


Commissioner


Commissioner