

Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

July 11, 2018

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Williams, Commissioner

Attending:

Commissioners: Dick Williams, Kandace Harper, Stephen Falk
Superintendent: Barb Wayland
Financial Auditor: Jackie Gibilterra
Recording Secretary: Reneé Coe
Absent:

Introduction of Guests:

Elaine Komusi, Bennett Blaustein, Ramona Ramstead, Vic Riley, Kristy Steinberger, Fran Rozyskie, Adam Rozyskie, Bill Meursing, Robin Nault, Don Falk, Fire District Commissioner Virginia Lester, Pat Grubb (APB)

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Approval of minutes from previous PR PHD Regular Meeting (June 14, 2018)

Motion: To approve all minutes as presented. Motion carried.

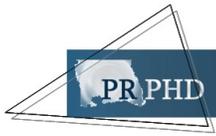
Business:

Guest Comments

Former HD District Commissioner Robin Nault said she echoed the quote in the ePB from Superintendent Barb Wayland regarding Unity Care not continuing with the contract. She served with Barb as a fellow Commissioner for many years and said that the HD had looked into running the clinic independently after Virginia Lester's retirement. She praised the current practitioner and her ability to thrive with Unity Care and was the turning point in the hospital district's relationship with Unity Care. She expressed her support of the new superintendent and the job that lies ahead for the HD board.

Clinic nurse Kristy Steinberger thanked the HD board for their work and said it had been a pleasure dealing with everyone on the board. Although she was feeling emotional about Unity's decision, she wanted everyone to know that she has enjoyed serving the community over the last thirty years and expressed gratitude to the board for their work.

Former Clinic practitioner and current Fire District Commissioner, Virginia Lester said she had received a phone call prior to the meeting where the person said that people in the community were saying she wanted to see the clinic closed. She told the board she did not and that it will be the commissioner's responsibility and fiduciary duty to get the right message to the public. She also mentioned conversations at previous board meetings regarding running the clinic independently but understands it is a big job to take on. She said she does think it is possible and there might be other ways to do it but not in the same frame work as it was originally set up in. The board needs to find a way to keep it open. She has not bad-mouthed the clinic nor the practitioner and will not. She wants the clinic to be successful and if the board can't find a way to keep it open then it would be a sad thing. She finished by saying she would *not* consider running the clinic again given her age.



Financial Report

Jackie Gibilterra presented the financial report. Current month payables \$15,525.24. Payroll is \$2,400.52. One item to note: Whatcom County Admin. Services for \$180.

Bills presented for approval as follows:

Bills paid after the June 14th meeting:

07/01/18 – UCNW – Contract - \$14,666.67
06/30/18 – Jackie Gibilterra – Professional Services - \$420
06/29/18 – Point Roberts Press – Advertising - \$50
07/01/18 – Whidbey Telephone – Telephone - \$43.53
07/01/18 – Whatcom County Fire District – Utility - \$123.57
06/29/18 – Bellingham Business Machine – Office Expense - \$41.47
06/26/18 - Whatcom County Admin. Service - \$180

Payroll as follows:

Renee Coe – Secretary - \$422.40
Heather Dixon – Cleaner - \$448.12
Barb Wayland - Superintendent July - \$1,188
Kandace Harper – Commissioner - \$114
Dick Williams – Commissioner - \$114
Stephen Falk - Commissioner - \$114

Motion: To approve warrants and payroll for prior months' expenditures as presented.
Motion carried.

Guest Presentation Community Survey Executive Summary

Elaine Komusi presented the Survey Summary. See the attached Addendum for the full summary report

Laptop for new Superintendent - update

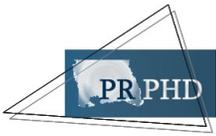
The new laptop has been selected and will hopefully be in service by next meeting.

Barb read a statement to the group regarding the clinic changes and Unity Care's decision not to renew the annual contract with the HD. In its letter to the HD board, Unity also agreed to provide a non-contractual month-to-month service to the Clinic if requested by the HD until June 2019.

Barb said she is hopeful for a smooth change-over within the allotted time frame but also said that it is a huge task. The HD is prepared to ask for the additional month to month option. There are a variety of ways to provide healthcare in a small community and a clinic can look many different ways. The HD will consider this an opportunity to recreate the clinic into a model that best meets the needs of more people in more ways.

Barb and Commissioner Harper will be meeting with the CEO and COO of Unity Care next Monday regarding the change-over and will complete a report for the Commissioner's to review.

Superintendent
Report:



Barb said the clinic remains open with the same hours, services and staff and that it is the intention of the HD to have a smooth transition with a new service provider. The people of Point Roberts can continue to depend on the clinic for healthcare into the future. She emphasized that the community has a vital role in the success of the clinic and that people need to continue to utilize clinic services. Potential providers need to see that we need and use our clinic and that we depend on healthcare to be available in Point Roberts.

She told audience members that the HD is in the early days of next steps and is just beginning to work on finding the answers. Some people may have come to the meeting because they received the letter from Unity Care and wondered what it meant. Barb hoped that her statements helped to address any questions members of the audience had. Barb continued that there have been rumors and comments in the community and some may have attended the meeting because they were not sure what to believe. She saluted all those who attended to get answers and to continue to attend future meetings and requested those who came to encourage others to come as well.

Next Steps

- Superintendent will write a report from the Unity Meeting on July 15th
- Superintendent will send the commissioner's a job list to work on

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting Wednesday August 1, 2018

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Signatures:

Dick Williams

Stephen Falk

Kandace Harper

Reneé Coe