

## Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

July 25, 2018

### **Call to Order:**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Dick Williams, Commissioner

### **Attending:**

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

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Bennett Blaustein, Ramona Ramstead, Bill Meursing, Campbell McClusky, Pat Grubb (ABP), Unidentified gentlemen

### **Approval of Prior Minutes:**

None

### **Business:**

#### ***Options for New Clinic***

Commissioner Williams opened the meeting by asking what the differences are between Primary Care Provider (PCP), urgent care and emergency care. Unity Care focuses on primary care and not urgent care (as explained in their resignation letter to the HD). Barb explained the distinction between each entity. Unity is set up to be the primary care provider for the community as a federally qualified health center. The Clinic is used both as a PCP and an urgent care clinic. Fifty percent of the patient visits are urgent care.

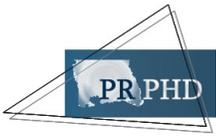
Barb handed out copies of the updated Request for Proposal (RFP). The previous RFP was sent in 2011. The HD received two responses at that time, Unity Care and Peace Health. Peace Health later declined to submit a proposal. Peace Health is not a community health center but has "rural health" status at a clinic in Friday Harbor. Squalicum Care Network has six clinics with two qualified as rural health centers. The Point Roberts Clinic had rural health status in the beginning before contracting with Unity.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Association of Public Hospital Districts had been notified about the contract change with the HD. Barb contacted them and they are aware of the change and have asked Association members for any information they can give the HD in locating potential service providers.

Barb and Commissioner Falk reviewed and updated the previous RFP document. The group reviewed all the additional changes and/or revisions outlined in the document. Barb stated she will make the corrections from tonight's discussion and send it out tomorrow so the commissioners can thoroughly re-read the revised RFP and send any final edits to her. This will allow it to be approved at the next regular meeting.

Barb and Kandy reported from their meeting with Des Skubi and Shanon Hardie.

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During the discussion Shanon said Unity's focus will be the new Ferndale clinic and they may not be able to meet all of the factors in the month-to-month commitment clause from the board resolution, specifically the ongoing staffing. They currently have openings they are trying to fill, and with the greatly expanded Ferndale clinic scheduled to open in the spring, they may not be able to give us a medical provider. This would mean using a locum, which we would have to hire at a significant expense. They stressed that the RFP needs to go out as soon as possible.

Des Skubi provided contact information for SeaMar, which is set up as a FQHC and is about five times as large as Unity. Unity serves approx. 80,000 patients. SeaMar has 33 clinics whereas Unity has 3 including Point Roberts. Barb will also contact Squaticum Care Network and Peace Health. Barb provided the group with a flyer from SuperTrack Urgent Care in Bellingham. Barb will tour the facility on July 30 and meet with the provider on August 10th. She encouraged each member to also bring her any information of any other care facilities or clinic models of interest, so she can follow-up. Barb noted that Unity's mandate to provide primary care made providing the urgent care we need here in Point Roberts difficult. She said Unity tried hard to meet this need, but it would be good to be moving toward a hybrid format that included both urgent and primary care as we move forward.

The quarterly meeting will be moved to October and Des and Shanon will both attend. The September meeting will be held on our usual first Wednesday and will be a regular meeting.

The RFP will be posted on the website once finalized, and a copy will be sent to the Association of Public Hospital Districts. Notices will also be submitted in local papers, as well as Bellingham papers. Commissioner Williams requested a copy to go to UW Medicine. Barb would also like to see telemedicine included in the new model but if not, would like to support the program by applying for grants once the new provider is in place.

The group had a lengthy discussion about pharmacy and will work with another pharmacy to have medications shipped to the clinic for local patient pick up (if we do not engage with a service provider who has their own pharmacy).

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting: Wednesday August 1, 2018

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Signatures:

Respectfully submitted by: Reneé Coe

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Dick Williams

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Stephen Falk

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Kandace Harper

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