

## Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Wednesday July 10, 2024

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stephen Falk, Commissioner (via Zoom)

### **Attending:**

Commissioners: Stephen Falk, Sara Oggel, Noel Newbolt  
Superintendent: Barbara Wayland  
Financial Advisor: Paulette Ladner  
Recording Secretary: Farrah Carsten

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Dr. Sean Bozorgzadeh, Pat Grubb – APB, Campbell McClusky, Virginia Lester, Allison Calder, Vic Riley, Shannon (Tomsen) Riley, Shivé Marshall, Elisabeth Mason, Judy Ross, Barbara Bradstock, Donna Prudhomme, Harold Charlap, Mark Robbins, Deanna Perkins, Deb Wilkowski, Kandace Harper, Pia Clark, Rhiannon Allen, Shant Tersakian, Jonquil Armstrong, Bruce Whetstone, Yeagers, Doreen Trudel, Melissa Collord, Adams, Molly, Richard, Louisa, Craig Williams

**Public Comment:** Barbara Bradstock corrected inaccurate statements made at the last meeting. Deborah Shields does hold a bachelor's degree from the University of WA and Circle of Care does not hate Dr. Bozorgzadeh or the SuperTrack clinic. Circle of Care provides services for people that are homebound such as after having surgery and needing support.

Vic Riley stated that as far as he could tell since last year there has not been a chairperson appointed, which should take place every year. He expressed concerns that Stephen has violated the trust of serving the community and that of the provider and suggested Noel Newbolt should be the chairperson.

Craig Williams voiced his support for SuperTrack.

Allison Calder requested patient roster information to better understand the clinic usage, versus a year's worth of data.

Harold Charlap expressed dissatisfaction with proposed changes to healthcare services, preferring to see the current doctors. He was also seeking answers on the board's role of improving communication with the provider.

Shannon (Tomsen) Riley supports SuperTrack getting a contract extension, citing business needs for multi-year agreements. She also stated that due to unethical behavior by Stephen, he should resign.



**Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (June 12, 2024)

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

**Financial Report:**

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Paulette Ladner presented the financial report. Current month payables \$44,605.96 / Payroll is \$3,343

There are 4 items to note: SuperTrack 2024 annual contract = \$16,000, Whatcom County FD #5 annual rent = \$19,604.87, Foster Garvey Law Firm organizational issues = \$3,534.60, Barbara Wayland reimbursement for Chubb commission liability policy = \$4,260 and Delta Geeks = \$92.65

**Bills presented for approval as follows:**

Bills paid:

06/30/24 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC = \$16,000  
06/30/24 – Point Roberts Bookkeeping = \$700  
02/17/24 – Whatcom Cty Fire Distr. #5 = \$19,604.87  
06/05/24 – Whatcom Cty Fire Distr. #5 = \$64.17  
06/30/24 – Whatcom Cty Fire Distr. #5 = \$97.56  
06/25/24 – Whatcom Cty Admin Svc = \$180  
07/01/24 – Whidbey Telecom = \$32.10  
06/03/24 – Bellingham Business Machine = \$40.01  
06/30/24 – Barbara Wayland reimbursement = \$4,352.65  
06/30/24 – Foster Garvey Law Firm = \$3,534.60

**Payroll as follows:**

Barb Wayland – Superintendent = \$2,001  
Farrah Carsten – Secretary = \$552  
Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$114  
Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$114  
Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$114  
Deanna Perkins – Cleaner = \$448

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



Clinic Medical Director Update:

**SUPERTRACK**

**PHYSICIAN CLINIC VISITS FOR JUNE 2024**

DATE	DR	CLINIC	PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN
6/1	1							
6/2	1							
6/3	1							
6/4	1							
6/5	1							
6/6	1							
6/7	1							
6/8	1							
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6/25	1							
6/26	1							
6/27	1							
6/28	1							
6/29	1							
6/30	1							
TOTAL	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

2024	QV	LABS	#	PHYS	PHYS	PHYS	PHYS	PHYS
Jan	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Feb	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mar	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
Apr	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
May	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
JUN	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	6	60	6	6	6	6	6	6

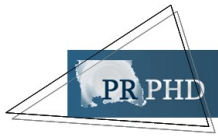
June clinic visits = 185 versus last year 171

Dr. Bozorgzadeh started off by saying regardless of words spoken in this process the clinic belongs to the community and they will take care of anyone that steps inside of SuperTrack including working with other organizations such as Circle of Care.

Dr. Bozorgzadeh relayed information regarding the transportation of blood samples through the border. He met with the supervisors on the U.S. and Canadian border stations. The U.S. side was more productive because he was given a form 7533 which is an inward cargo manifest for vessels carrying 5 tons of commercial goods. Even though the blood samples are not commercial goods they promised if the form is filled out and presented to the border officers on duty it will expedite the process. The doctor asked for the commission to provide support for this process.

Stephen asked if there was anything they could do now or if they should wait until there is more activity. Dr. Bozorgzadeh responded he is going to follow the instructions he was given and within 2 weeks it will become clear whether this process is efficient and doable. He will report the results at the August meeting and possibly may need a letter drafted by the commission at that time.

Kandace Harper asked if the 7533 permit allows only physicians to transport the blood or can any medical person transport it. The doctor responded that anyone that works in some capacity for SuperTrack can transport it but the manifest must have their name and the date on the form without sharing any private health information.



A member of the public spoke up relating to medication transport, according to the U.S. Customs regulations. Only the person who is prescribed the medication is legally entitled to carry it across the border. She asked if the same arrangements could be made for Circle of Care. Stephen responded that the doctor may not have any input because it falls under non-commercial activity due to an individual undertaking this route. Dr. Bozorgzadeh said he can share the results of the process and the 7533 form with Circle of Care so they can follow the same course.

Barbara Bradstock mentioned one of offerings of Skagit Healthcare for the community was to complete home blood draws (by Deborah Shields), and she asked if SuperTrack would expand its operation by using their RN to do blood draws at home. They were stopped by a legal precedent from providing the service to the Point Roberts residents.

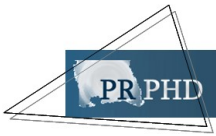
Dr. Bozorgzadeh made a very clear comment that he did not object to that activity by Skagit Healthcare but that there are multiple aspects to this. Being in an environment where there's no ability to resuscitate a patient if they pass out or have an episode of low heart rate or low blood pressure. SuperTrack has gone into homes to do Hospice Visits but there are systems put in place for those patients who are not able to take care of themselves but at this time he is unable to make that promise to the community.

Stephen indicated that if (since) Dr. Bozorgzadeh was supportive of it, and (if) the board agreed that they could contact Skagit about reinstating what they were doing in the past but by not knowing the particulars they would have to check with legal counsel. Sara suggested that it was possible to provide rides for the patients that can't get out and drive themselves like using Circle of Care or one of the vans.

SuperTrack is ordering flu vaccines and possibly in August they will give the community a date. They will be using the same template that was followed last year, with more advertising and increased public awareness about the immunizations.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Barbara said she had an incredibly busy month with all of the emails and material that was requested of her to provide to both the APB and the Small Point Bulletin. She's hopeful next month will be quiet and calm but she also stated she had incredible support from members of the community and she's grateful for the kindness shown to her with phone calls and emails. Stephen asked about the Records Retention Policy that was listed on the agenda, Barbara said that she didn't have it ready and it would be on next month's agenda.



**Other:**

Noel's motion for extending the SuperTrack contract to 5 years was still on the table because it was not resolved at the last meeting. She felt that a decision needed to be made for the people of Point Roberts so that they hear it and they clearly want a multiple year contract versus a 1-year contract.

Stephen stated he would second the motion but would not be voting for it. Sara was not in agreement with the motion to which Noel reiterated she didn't believe the people of Point Roberts want a 1-year contract they want a multiple year contract. If the 5-year period is not going to be seconded, Noel said let's go down the line again same as the last meeting and proposed 4 years to which Sara disagreed with. Noel proposed 3 years at which point Sara said she would second it and Noel responded "Done".

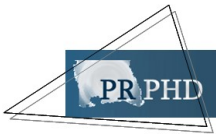
**Motion:** To amend SuperTrack's contract to a 3-year term. **(2:1 in favor, Stephen voted against)**

Barbara clarified that they're currently in the beginning of the next contract period, the contract that comes in January would be a 3-year contract instead of a 1-year extension.

Dr. Bozorgzadeh stated SuperTrack is good with this motion as it gives them the opportunity to focus on good projects and positive things.

Noel asked Stephen why he has not apologized to Dr. Bozorgzadeh to which Stephen replied that he had made a public apology to the entire community. Noel said, "You have but your attitude towards him has been unbelievably bad". Stephen disagreed and stated he didn't believe he had ever been disrespectful to the doctor in any of the meetings and that he only tried to correct him when he thought the doctor was wrong, but he didn't think that was a sign of disrespect. Stephen made a proposal to Dr. Bozorgzadeh to have phone call discussion between the two of them. The doctor declined to a private conversation and said he would rather have the discussion in an open forum. Stephen acknowledged that Dr. Bozorgzadeh didn't agree and apologized to him because it was never his intention to be disrespectful.

Noel said she was still "stuck" on the Dr. Anwar debacle because she didn't feel as though it was settled. She recalled how Stephen brought up that he heard from a doctor and that it was Dr. Anwar and that he wanted to give a proposal when Stephen had been talking to him already for a long time. Noel and Barbara didn't know about it. Stephen replied that it was not true that he had been talking to him for a long time and that he had only met him for lunch on 1 occasion where he learned that Dr. Anwar had a practice in Point Roberts and was potentially interested in operating the clinic. Stephen reiterated that he did not have a series of meetings.



Allison Calder asked if the board had considered a ballot measure to see if the community would want to have a 5-member commission versus the current 3-member commission. With 3 commissioners you can't "bounce something off" another commissioner because it's breaking the rules whereas with 5 commissioners you can. It would take 10% of the voters that voted in the previous election to vote yes to increasing the number. It's a year process but it could be cleared for the special ballot in February. The commission was on board for this and Barbara will look into what needs to be done to get the ball rolling on the ballot measure.

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM**

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

*Minutes approved verbally at the following month's ZOOM meeting.*

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Stephen Falk

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Sara Oggel

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Noel Newbolt

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Farrah Carsten