

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday April 30, 2014

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Michael Edwards - Chair
Commissioner Lenore Bayuk
Commissioner Mark Schwinge
Commissioner Rosanna O'Donnell
Commissioner Keri Talbott

Others Present:

SJCPHD#1 Superintendent: Pam Hutchins

EMS: E. James Cole, SJIEMS Administrator

By Phone:

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

BOARD REFLECTIONS: Lenore Bayuk was honored for her outstanding leadership as the Board Chairperson from November, 2005 to March, 2014. See "Addendum A" for her contributions during her tenure.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes**
- **Approval of April 10, 2014 Special Meeting minutes**

➤ **IIMC Warrants**

A/P Warrants	total \$ 98,766.09
Payroll	total \$ 266.55
Payroll Liabilities	total \$ 21.92
Electronic transfers for payroll taxes	total \$ 20.39

➤ **SJIEMS Warrants**

March Payroll	total \$ 114,717.30
A/P Warrants	total \$ 122,117.34

Commissioner Edwards asked for a motion to accept consent agenda items, Commissioner Schwinge --- so moved, seconded by Commissioner Talbott ---, unanimously approved.

IIMC FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS: Pamela Hutchins gave her financial and operations report. March total receipts were \$225,636 of which was \$169,732 were tax revenues and HRSA Telemedicine Grant Revenue of \$48,235 and \$7,671 Trauma Grant issued to IIMC in error. It should have gone to PeaceHealth. Disbursements totaled \$99,033 which included \$98,766 payables which included payroll taxes of \$21.92 and employee payroll of \$267 for 1 employee for March working on closing out IIMC business and 1 employee working on the NW Telemedicine Grant. Total cash available at the end of March with cash on hand was \$218,641.

EMS FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS: March was a busy month. 104 calls for service which is the highest March to date. Average of 5 EMT's per call which is up from the previous month because the EMT class has graduated and now going on calls. Financially the A/R is flat. For the

month overall income is doing fine and only slightly down in aid car fees. We are under budget for spending. The State and National Cares registry which is for cardiac arrest survival ranks us as #1 in the state of Washington for pre-hospital cardiac survival at 50%. A lot of this honor goes to Mike Sullivan. A lot goes to the resuscitation academy down in King County in Seattle. Another part of this success goes to our dispatchers here on the island. Dispatch was honored by the Red Cross with a Heroes Award. They were also selected in our region to be in the top three in The Heroes Award given by the Red Cross. 100% of the heart attack patients come out of the hospital with the best neurological score of a 1. Major thanks to Lainey Volk, paramedics, EMT's, and dispatchers.

Island Air Ambulance Report – Larry Wall: Island Air had a fairly average month. Trish Fenstermacher, our flight nurse has established a yearlong curriculum for flight EMT's, paramedics and nurses. She is doing a great job in training above the normal required. This helps our personnel understand more than what the normal requirement is and it helps them assist the patients much more. She is doing a lot of checklists for the aircraft. Still seeing initial changes in payor mix with the Affordable Care Act. There are big changes with the self-pay, no pay and insurance paid. It will take a year or so to see how it all works out. The trends are troubling for our survival. It is a huge challenge for healthcare all over.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Retreat May 2 and May 3, 2014 at EMS Building

Board Retreat May 2, and May 3. Friday night is just a social gathering and not open to the public. On Saturday, May 3, 2014 we should gather at 8:30 to get situated to start at 9:00 am. The lunch provided is just for the work group. There will be no public interaction since this is a working session. Do your homework for the retreat. The Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts has a lot of good information on their website. There is the Commissioners' Handbook online. Commissioner Schwinge was given a hard copy because he is the newest commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 14-415 - EMS – Setting the Revised 2014 EMS Budget

Jim Cole went over the budget changes. The changes were highlighted in yellow. The old budget was what was assumed last October for 2014. The first item is the beginning cash which was more than what was anticipated. Property taxes dropped significantly now for 3 years in a row. There was a meeting with EMS billing company to see how the trends looked after the first quarter. Fee for service was down \$102,000. Things on the ground side were tracking like 2013, but it is on the air side where things are down from last year. But there is also a 90 to 120 day lag from when the billing goes out and when it comes in. Unable to say if this was a trend yet for the year, but if it is we are looking at about a half million dollar decrease in income. Now people do not have the catastrophic insurance plans so this is doubling our Medicaid income. But Medicaid only pays a couple of hundred dollars where the private catastrophic paid much more. What does that look like over the year? Too early to tell yet. Some past Commercial insurance is going to the two worst categories of payor mix being Medicaid and self-pay which is often times no pay. What is saving EMS now is the sale of the EMS old building. Instead of getting \$14,000 for the lease of building, EMS got \$567,000 for the sale of the building. The Superintendent's wages and benefits are paid back to EMS from the Hospital District. Kaitlyn Johnson, an EMS employee did not have her DRS retirement taken out by the county, so this amount had to be paid back up front by EMS. Kaitlyn is paying it back to EMS over 18 months. Next year won't have the sale of building money. Looking at cutting budget if the trend stays negative.

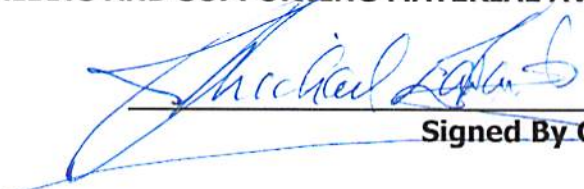
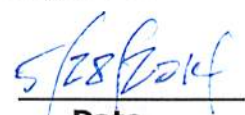
Audience Participation:

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Talbot -----moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at --- 5:33-pm.

ALL EXHIBITS AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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Signed By Chairperson	Date

" Addendum A "

SJCPHD Board Reflection

The San Juan Community Hospital Committee aka 'Steering Committee' in its later life, started each meeting with a 'Reflection'.

Sometimes a poem or a topic.

One presentation by Barbara Cable set the standard of excellence. Her presentation was a beautiful Power Point with photographs and music. She told the history, tribulations and accomplishments of the Steering Committee to date. Many eyes were teary at the end.

So with this in mind I would like to share some highlights of the Public Hospital District with you:

The old Inter Island Medical Center started to see the light of slipping into the 'red' financially in 2005.

A potentially 'savior' was a Critical Access Hospital designation. Beth Williams Geiger first made a presentation to our Community and the PHD in May 2006.

Under the leadership of Charlie Anderson and Tom Cable the 'San Juan Community Hospital Committee' was incorporated, in May of 2007, to pursue the possibility of establishing a CAH here on SJ Island.

On Nov. 2007 Krista Mattox reported interest expressed by PeaceHealth.

On Nov. 2012, five years to the month... PIMC opened its doors and replaced our IIMC which was no longer fiscally viable by any additional sacrifice by staff or administration.

In 2013 San Juan Island EMS/MedEvac and Island Air Ambulance became CAMTS accredited. Without this accreditation they would have to cease their air ambulance operations.

In 2013 San Juan Island EMS/MedEvac and Island Air Ambulance received the 'Fixed Wing Award of Excellence' from the Association of Air Medical Services...this is a nationally acclaimed award (with only one per year).

In 2013 PIMC received the AIA 'Healthcare Design Award' for a healthcare facility with a construction cost of <25M...this is a nationally acclaimed award as well (with only one per year).

During all of these achievements and accolades the PHD served under one Chairperson...Lenore Bayuk. Her leadership style was astute, to the point and softly spoken. It carried the days when the PHD was criticized and misunderstood for its collective vision and dedication to not only sustain but make better our Districts health care.

So in her spirit, and with our grateful thanks, the PHD Board would like to present Lenore with this plaque.