

Third Amendment
to the
Subsidy Agreement
for a
Combined Clinic and Hospital Facility

"...in order to allow the District to support additional healthcare services not provided or available at the combined clinical/hospital facility."

RE: PHD answers | Letters
Journal of the San Juan Islands
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Public Hospital District Answers; Hayley Day asks, “What do you think?” It is a known fact that PIMC does not provide women’s reproductive health care. From the beginning, we have understood that this is not part of their focus...”

Eileen Drath
San Juan Island

Bill Williams, SJCPHD#1 meeting Mar. 22nd, 2017

“The 9th item* they say is outside the scope of PH’s services and they can’t act on it and they referred that back to the PHD for us to work on. That was full reproductive health services...

So if we wanted to send full reproductive health or end of life services, they fall outside the scope of services of PH – we can’t do that anymore.”

*9. Comprehensive Reproductive Services Including: long acting reversible contraception, abortion services, sterilization, and prenatal care. PIMC/PHD Sec. 2.2.2

“PeaceHealth promises no cutback in women’s health services”
Journal Jun. 29th, 2012

“Barnhart said that doctors in other PeaceHealth clinics and hospitals provide family planning services, including tubal ligations, vasectomies and prescriptions for contraceptives, and that he expects Peace Island hospital and clinics will continue that policy here. Those service are available through Inter Island Medical Clinic at present. Barnhart said that Inter Island Medical Center doctors who will join Peace Island have not provided elective abortion services at the clinic and have unanimously said they will not provide elective abortions at PIMC. However, Barnhard noted that in emergency situations Peace Island would not interfere in its physician’s medical judgments.”

Referencing Jim Barnhart, CAO, PIMC

“Election debate on hospital has lost perspective on PeaceHealth services”

Chad Thomas, MD, PhD
PH St. Joseph MC
Journal Oct. 2015

“I believe the concerns expressed previously over what services can be provided, while valid, are unfounded in actual practice. As an OB/GYN, I have never had a hospital ethics committee tell me what I could or could not do for my patient. PeaceHealth makes its policy of staying out of my exam rooms its practice, regardless of if I’m discussing fertility, family planning, or any other subject.

I routinely see patients for all of these concerns without worrying about what someone else might think, and only about what will provide excellent medical care.”

Douglas Tuttle, MD

April, 2017

“Let me be very clear, I support Planned Parenthood and the services it provides. However, in the midst of the exuberance of the agenda to provide funding for the organization on the island, some inaccuracies in fact have become "common knowledge" ...

Comprehensive women's health services are currently available from the providers working at PIMC...from birth control pills, IUD's to cervical cancer screening. Indeed when I worked for PIMC I was never told to refrain from providing birth control, "morning after" pills, STD screening, or family planning advice, etc. Dogma did not get in the way of practice.

While I agree with supporting Planned Parenthood financially if it can provide local services otherwise not already provided by PIMC and its visiting specialists, I take great exception to promulgating false information to achieve that end.”

PIMC Section 2.2.2 response 2016

PHD Request #9: Comprehensive Reproductive Services Including: long acting reversible contraception, abortion services, sterilization, and prenatal care.

PIMC response:

“Long-acting reversible contraception/Sterilization: We place high value on the confidentiality of the patient/physician relationship, including around the discussion and decisions about contraception/sterilization.

Abortion: PeaceHealth Peace Island Medical Center does not provide abortion care services.

Prenatal care: We provide basic, routine primary care to women, including pregnant women through our primary care physicians. Our PCPs can prescribe prenatal vitamins, and pregnant women can receive ultrasounds to help determine the health of the fetus. We lease office space to a midwife and two OBs for GYN care and more comprehensive prenatal care.

No change in current services. Complete”

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“I agree that those needs that the CHNA identifies are going to be addressed by PH and by that CHIC and they will use the subsidy that we provide...

I'm not arguing that the services are not necessary or that they're not great, I'm just saying that they are services that PH would have and will address through that system I drew up there without us having to fund it out of the \$50k.”

In Summary

- Comprehensive Reproductive Services are being provided by PIMC and its visiting specialists except elective abortions.
- PIMC and its healthcare providing partners in the CHNA, CHIC/"Consortium" will not address all of the priority needs identified by the CHNA. Examples of these unaddressed needs include Youth tobacco, marijuana and alcohol use, Hospice, and Community Paramedicine among others.
- In accomplishing its due diligence the PHD Board needs to carefully evaluate and prioritize all potential community healthcare needs prior to dedication of any of its limited funds.

J. Michael Edwards