

King County Public Hospital District No. 2  
d/b/a EvergreenHealth  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
EvergreenHealth Medical Center, Kirkland, WA  
February 4, 2020  
Study Session Meeting Minutes

Comms. Present: Comms. Butler, Edwards, Hirt, McLaughlin, Pilcher, and Snyder  
Comm. DeYoung excused

Medical Staff Leadership: M. Sean Kincaid, MD, Chad Bentsen, MD

Others Present: Jeff Friedman, Tina Mycroft, Ettore Palazzo, MD, Bob Sampson,  
Candace Scairpon, Mary Shepler, Kay Taylor, Jeff Tomlin, MD,  
Dave Likosky, MD, John Dwight

Legal Counsel: Kevin Hansen

Guests: Violet Aiken, Andrew Bolcer (Exhibit A)

**PUBLIC MEETING AND  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Comm. McLaughlin called the February 4, 2020 Study Session Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 to order at 4:30 p.m.

Comm. McLaughlin welcomed Violet Aiken and invited her to speak.

At 4:40 p.m. Comm. McLaughlin announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session and that the Open Public Meeting would reconvene at approximately 5:30 p.m.

At 5:29 p.m. Ms. Scairpon announced that the Board would be delayed by 10-15 minutes. The Executive Session was concluded at 5:46 p.m., at which time a short recess was taken.

Comm. McLaughlin reconvened the Public Meeting, calling it to order at 5:51 p.m. and welcoming those present.

**Order of Business**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

Violet Aiken, Kirkland resident, expressed her complaint with the billing department stemming from an ER visit for her daughter. Ms. Aiken informed the Board that she took her daughter to the Kirkland Emergency Department after she fell off a chair and hit her head. After examining the child, the provider informed Ms. Aiken that the injury was superficial. They waited for discharge paper work and then went home and her daughter is fine. Ms. Aiken later received bill for \$1186. Ms. Aiken stated that she has requested an explanation of charges or an itemized bill from the billing department several times but has not received one. She would like to know exactly why she is being charged this amount. She indicated she was told by "Matt" (an Evergreen employee) that when you walk in the door you are automatically charged \$1100. Ms. Aiken stated that she intends to dispute the bill and will do so until she fully understands the charges.

Dr. Tomlin informed Ms. Aiken that we would look into her questions and issue a formal response.

**Action Item****Approval of Department of Health Stroke Center Level**

Comm. Hirt made a motion to revise EvergreenHealth's current DOH Stroke Center level as a part of the voluntary Washington State Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System to reflect current capabilities as a Level 2 ELVO Stroke Center.

Comm. Butler seconded the motion.

Dr. Likosky noted DOH has a voluntary reporting system for stroke care, which tells EMS about the most appropriate destination facility for patients with suspected stroke. He noted that we now have the resources in place, with 24/7 coverage and adequate staffing levels. Dr. Likosky responded to questions from the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items for Proposed Action on February 18, 2020****Alaris IV Pump**

Mary Shepler, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the topic, noting the request is to spend approximately \$2M for the replacement of the existing IV pumps which are significantly beyond end of life and are breaking faster than we can fix them. The funds for the pumps are already budgeted in the Capital Budget. Additionally, the

new pumps interact with Cerner which will require additional funds at a later date to integrate them into the system. However, the pumps can be used without integration to Cerner.

Ms. Shepler responded to questions from the Board.

**Ambulatory Electronic  
Medical Record 2020  
Capital Budget Request**

John Dwight, Chief Information Officer, presented the topic, noting this is a continuation of the Electronic Medical Records implementation. Lakeshore Clinic is coming soon as are others and the team will prioritize the locations as we go. This a request for the funds which are already in the capital budget to complete the implementation.

Mr. Dwight responded to questions from the Board.

**2020 Board Committee  
Appointments**

Comm. McLaughlin reviewed the Board Committee Appointment process and requested responses be sent to Ms. Scairpon by February 10<sup>th</sup>. The final committee assignments will be brought forward for action at the Regular meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports**

**Medical Staff Update**

Sean Kincaid, MD, Medical Staff President, noted that secure texting through Voalte is being rolled out soon. It is a system of texting that allows the secure transmission of PHI. Dr. Kincaid responded to questions from the Board.

**CEO/Administrative Update**

Dr. Tomlin reported on the following items:

- Letter from Dr. Riedo regarding the Coronavirus, noting the rapid spread of the illness and the precautions being taken by EvergreenHealth staff and providers as well as federal, state and local officials.
- Reminder Community Service Award needs to be selected. Ms. Taylor will send a brief description of how each nominee meets the criteria for the award. The Board will vote on the nominees at the Regular meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Tomlin attended an event with the Northshore School District recently and announced that we are making a contribution to Youth Mental Health in the district.
  - The full Board would like more discussion surrounding how we think about Community Benefit and ensure the full

Board is aware of decisions made.  
Additionally it was suggest that we provide  
an educational on the Community Benefit  
process.

- Work on the Neuro/Cardiac Joint Venture agreements is ongoing
- Thank you to Ms. Mycroft and her team and Comm. Butler for putting together an interview with Piper Jaffray and Moody's. We should have our bond rating on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

The February 4, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District No. 2 was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Minerva Butler, Secretary/Commissioner

**Exhibit A – Guests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>Violet Aiken</b>	<b>Kirkland</b>
<b>Andrew Bolcer</b>	<b>Kirkland</b>