

Observed Meeting: KC Public Hospital District #1

1/22/2

Board of Commissioners

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LWV Observer: Rosemary Meyer

Time: 5 pm

	Yes	No	Comments
<b>Members</b>			
All members present?		x	1 by Zoom
Members attentive & involved?	x		
Members courteous to each other and public?	x		
Any members recuse themselves?		x	
<b>Agenda</b>			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	x		
Agenda followed?	x		
Agenda amended?		x	To add reason for executive session to discuss pending legal action with attorney
Non-agenda items discussed?	x		

Was time given to public input? If so, how many people spoke?	x		1 Dr. Larsen represented the health department discussing the recent measles case at CWU and what effort it took to track potential contacts.
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**Action:**

Please provide a brief, impartial summary of the meeting, including key issues discussed, significant actions taken, and other observations:

Presentations: Troy Turnow and Cindy Coe from the Ellensburg School District explained the need for the Replacement Levy for Education and Operations-covering what the levy pays for, after state basic education dollars.

David Johnson of JJCA presented slides to show how their company would come to KVH and develop a Master Facility Plan.

The “Spotlight” presentation was provided by the head nurse of ED, Cody, who discussed the ED nurse residency program, needed to provide support and training to usually brand new nurses who want to work in ED. This has decreased turnover of nursing staff in ED and the night shift is now fully staffed.

Public Comments: see above.

Quality Improvement: Current concern is the number of flu cases being seen and 1 death. Most affected are 18-49 y/o. 18 % have been vaccinated. RSV is of concern at Mt. View Rehab

CEO report- New programs are here or coming: Podiatry started this month at Ortho clinic. Urology comes when providers are hired. There will be 2 “camps” for students this spring and summer to introduce interested students in health care fields-Scrubs Camp in April and Experience Healthcare for HS kids in July.

Human Resources-Provided a year end report-some take aways: total turnover 15% (goal < 20%), RN turnover 7.8% (goal<13%), 3 executive level and 4 director level leaders onboarded, WSNA and Teamsters contracts signed, 67% growth in volunteers, Travelers/agency staff reduced and some converted to permanent employees.

Patient Care Services-New tool “Viz AI” started being used for stroke identification-quickly reads scans in 1-2 minutes so treatment started sooner for better outcomes.

Ancillary Services: Ellensburg Therapy services are down 4 FTE’s in PT staff and 1 FTE in Speech, but are seeing an increase in referrals due to private therapy practices limiting insurance options and more referrals from Yakima area.

Clinic Operations:New clinic registration program going live this month-paving way for improved patient portal and bill paying. New vascular surgeons will start seeing patients this month-2 weeks here and the other 2 weeks will be ARNP seeing patients. Rapid Access is now staffed with 2 providers on busiest days.

Medical staff- Board approved all recommended practitioner appointments- 4 initial, 12 reappointments and 2 additional privileges (ultrasound for ED PA’s). Staff are working on a requirement that all hospital-based staff must be enrolled in Medicare A. There are 286 providers in the Medical staff

database! Capsule endoscopy now available to KVH patients at general surgery clinic (look it up-very interesting!)

Financial-End of year report nearly complete and 2026 budget presented. Projected 8% increase over last year due to “population growth, payor contract negotiations and service line ex[pancions” Planned capital investments for 2026 are approx. \$19 million. The master facility plan should help support long term planning and infrastructure needs. Board approved hiring of JJCA to do Master Facility Plan with discussion to be held still with Hosp Dist 2 .

The board recessed into executive session to discuss pending legal action and to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.

If minutes were posted online, please provide a link: For details on the above information please see the Agenda Packet, videos, and Minutes posted [here](#).  
<https://www.kvhealthcare.org/about-us/board-of-commissioners/2025-board-meetings/>

If a vote on an ordinance will be taken later, please provide the name or number of the ordinance and the date of the vote:

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues?

What action do you recommend, i.e., support, oppose, study, inform the community, other (please specify):