

Observed Meeting: KC Public Hospital District #1

2/26/2

Board of Commissioners

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LWV Observer: Rosemary Meyer

Time: 5 pm

	Yes	No	Comments
Members			
All members present?		x	1 by Zoom Bob Davis
Members attentive & involved?	x		
Members courteous to each other and public?	x		
Any members recuse themselves?		x	
Agenda			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	x		
Agenda followed?	x		
Agenda amended?		x	To move foundation report to presentations
Non-agenda items discussed?	x		

Was time given to public input? If so, how many people spoke?	x		
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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: Revenue Cycle Operations, Lisa Gott. She presented info on financial impact of length of hospital days (10.4 down from 15.8), accounts receivable, reimbursement by payer class, time to zero balance (pt accounts), reason for insurance denials (not medically necessary, no prior auth) and other topics affecting hospital financial status.

Presentation: Imaging Scheduling Process Improvement-Kimmy, head of imaging, reported that after a year of working with staff on how to make this more efficient and cost effective, they have come up with ways to improve pt access, decrease rescheduling, decrease pt and provider complaints and increase staff retention. Scheduling efficiency has improved 42%, rescheduling is down 53% and the schedule is more full.

Presentation: Jason, CEO, reported on foundation fundraising and \$630K given to KVH (whole report in agenda packet). \$20K went to purchase UC ambulance, Lightgate equipment for PT. There are 17 members of the Foundation board, 40% are new this year. The 2026 fundraiser will be at Swiftwater in Cle Elum, Bottles and Bites, on June 13.

Public Comments: Bonnie, ER nurse, commented that staff are still not happy with admin handling of previous Dir of Nsg dismissal, staff do not feel supported as evidenced by only 60% participation rate on clinical ed committee. Sara, head of housekeeping, stated she is happy in her job and feels supported.

Quality Improvement: There is a case of chicken pox at the middle school. Quality Improvement Dashboard updates were presented to the board for approval. Passed

CEO report-Jason reported on new clinical programs (Urology and nuclear medicine), therapy expansion (Midtown Depot in Cle Elum) and Radio Hill Administrative office remodel. He stated he and 2 commissioners went to Olympia to meet with legislators for WHSA advocacy day. A bill to require ALL claims be paid within 30 days(looks good) and a bill to limit charity care to WA state residents and a bill to protect 340B pharmaceuticals. Presented for board approval was an involvement chart identifying which commissioner would be assigned to certain strategic pillars. After discussion as to how this may impact the work of staff, the plan passed.

Human Resources-.Employed staff increased from 794 (2024) to 831 (2025) to 838 this month. 4 long standing RN roles have been filled. New exit interview now electronic and hoping for better participation. New Press Ganey Employee Safety Survey is now being used to “allow leadership to intervene earlier when improvement opportunities arise”. Travel/per diem staff reduced to 16 from 23 in Oct.

Patient Care Services-ED needs more room! Will be evaluated when other spaces are assessed. Sicker patients due to viral illnesses in Jan. Elective surgery with Dr. Rubin, vascular surgeon, has started and is going well. Surgery and Endoscopy volumes show continued growth.

Ancillary Services: Home Health and Hospice needs a new supervisor. Imaging has incorporated 12 YVCC students into rotations b/c Multicare Memorial is on strike, There is a new night shift per diem Resp Therapist. Wound care clinic is growing. New Director at Ellensburg Therapy but they are down 4 PTs. Midtown Depot in Cle Elum is ready and there will be an open house.

Clinic Operations: MA program with tiers has had a positive impact on staffing coverage and personal growth opportunities. There will be a new Medicare Wellness visit form. There is now a “Call one number” for staff calling out for their shift.

Medical staff- All 13 staff proposed for initial appointment or reappointment were approved by vote of commissioners. The Urology MD they thought they had hired fell through so still looking, Podiatry clinic running well. OB HG provides call coverage as well as increasing surgeries on Wednesday.

Financial Officer-January was tough with 3 pay checks! Request for approval: Foundation would like to raise funds for Xray and equipment for Urgent Care in Cle Elum—cost is \$185,000 and fundraiser would hope to raise about \$50,000 of that-Approved. Also, Radio Hill interior and parking lot project Resolution 26-02: approval for BID process-Approved. Master facility planning will start March 23.

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/).
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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):