

March 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Hospital was called to order by Commissioner Tessler on March 25th at 12noon in the Cypress Room of Island Hospital.

Those present were Commissioners Warren Tessler; Lynne Lang, PhD; Chip Bogosian, MD and Jan Iversen. Also present were Charles Hall, CEO; Elise Cutter, CFO; Robert Prins, MD CMO; Ann Raish, Interim COO, Denise Jones, RN CPCE ; Robert Rieger, MD, COS and Kim Graf, Executive Assistant.

Via WebEx: Briana Alzola, Anacortes American; Commissioner Maughan

Not in attendance: Carolyn Pape, CHRO

Action Items Completed:

- Advisory Board Material Sent to Commissioners

**Public Comments:**

No public comments were made.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

After review and discussion, Commissioner Bogosian made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion. Commissioners Bogosian, Iversen, Lang, Tessler and Maughan all voted aye and the motion carried.

**BOARD QUALITY & PATIENT SAFETY REPORT**

**Medical Staff Meeting Summaries:** Dr. Rieger reported on the following Medical Staff Committees:

Anesthesia Committee:

- Processing PACU Orders
- Meditech Expanse Priority Pack Updates
- Documentation for reimbursements

OB/Peds Committee:

- ROM Plus Testing
- Ultra Sound procedures
- Mock Code Exercises

**CREDENTIALS:**

After review and discussion, Commissioner Iversen made a motion to approve the Credentials List as presented. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion. Commissioners Bogosian, Iversen, Lang, Tessler and Maughan all voted aye and the motion carried.

Dr. Rieger briefly remarked on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the shifts that are occurring within the healthcare industry in order to continue to provide medical services via telemedicine during this time.

There was discussion of COVID 19 testing for general population. Ann Raish remarked that Island Hospital is in dialog with Skagit County Public Health to determine when testing will be available for all and shared that Island Hospital anticipates the standup of the mobile testing unit to potentially align with when testing will be available for all.

### **Administration Update:**

Response Summary COVID-19 Strategy:

Charles provided an update on the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic within our region and highlighted the following:

- Regional Metrics
- Island Hospital Metrics
  - COVID 19 Testing
  - Inpatient Status
  - Respiratory Illness Statistics
  - Supply Inventory
  - Call Center Volumes
- Reviewed the reduction of services at Island Hospital
- Discussed the viability of Island Hospital

Elise provided a review of the daily revenue volumes for 2020 and remarked on the Federal Funding Bill initiatives that would potentially assist Island Hospital.

Elise shared that there has been a temporary modification of the Island Hospital Financial Assistance Policy and statement timelines in response to possible income disruptions during the pandemic.

Commissioner Tessler made a motion to support the Administrative strategy to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic:

In recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic spread through our region and into our community, Island Hospital leadership is supported with the actions taken to reduce patient care services and cancel elective procedures. In working to protect our healthcare system's ability to provide care both now and in the future, both operational and labor cost reductions are needed. These significant measures are designed to protect our patients, providers, staff and our community and are necessary to keep Island Hospital viable during and after this threat.

The Board of Commissioners understand the difficulties in the process of reducing hospital and clinic services and the impact that it has on both our staff and our community. Together with the hospital leadership team, we will do all that we can to meet the needs of this crisis and re-standup our services when the COVID 19 threat passes.

We want each of you to know how grateful we are for the courageous and compassionate healthcare you are delivering to our community. We are all in this fight together, but you are truly the heart and soul of our healthcare system.

Commissioners Lang, Iversen, Bogosian and Maughan seconded the motion. Commissioners Bogosian, Iversen, Lang, Tessler and Maughan all voted aye and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

**IHF:** Jeannette Papadakis shared that IHF has started an Island Hospital COVID 19 Relief Fund to support the Hospital during this pandemic. Jeannette briefly remarked on the ongoing Physician appeal campaign and noted that the 2020 Gala has been rescheduled to October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**April Board Calendar:**

The April Board Calendar was approved as presented.

Action Items:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Tessler called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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Warren Tessler President/Commissioner

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Jan Iversen Secretary/Commissioner

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Paul Maughan, PhD Commissioner

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Chip Bogosian, MD., Commissioner

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Lynne Lang, PhD, Commissioner