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MEDICINE

VALLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL
Public Hospital District No. 1, Snohomish County
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2009

Present: Neil Watkins, Alice Cabe, John Hinchcliffe, Mike Liepman, Brenda Rogers,
John Beltz

Guests: **VGH:** Vicki Hesseltine
Public: None

Minutes By: Norma Walker

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m.

CREDENTIALING FILES - DECEMBER

Ms. Rogers reported these files were reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee and by Board Quality. Dr. Lin and Dr. Ochs' privileges were extended for 3 months to allow them to complete their CME requirements. Dr. Neshat was given a 30 day extension to allow her to complete and submit her reappointment packet. Dr. Norehad's request for reclassification to courtesy status is pending verification of his patient statistics. All other files were recommended for approval with no restrictions.

On the motion from Commissioner Cabe and a second from Commissioner Watkins, the credentialing files were approved as presented.

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW

Commissioner Watkins stated Board Finance met to review and further discuss the proposed 2010 budget. Mr. Beltz summarized the projections and assumptions used in calculating the proposed budget. Revenue was calculated for a 7% growth and a 5% price increase. FTEs were increased by 10 over the year to adjust for the increased patient volume. Salary adjustments are predicated on union contracts. Agency expenses were lowered as open positions are filled with permanent employees. Charity Care was lowered and Bad Debt was increased. Physician salaries increased with two new physicians in the clinic and a .5 physician in Wound Care. Mr. Beltz stated the budgets and monthly financials will have to be monitored closely. Mr. Liepman agreed, these are stretch goals, but achievable. We continue to link the strategic plan to the capital budget to the budget, making sure we have what we need to make these goals happen. Mr. Liepman indicated he reviewed every line item with Mr. Beltz, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Hesseltine. He understands and agrees with their projections and concepts. Next steps are to get the financial data to the managers before Board Finance. Managers don't need contractual adjustments, etc., they need working data. The sooner they have that available to them, the quicker they can respond to it. Also working to create a variance report that will list all variances of 5% or greater. This report will be presented to the manager, with responses required to their Director.

On the motion from Commissioner Cabe and a second from Commissioner Hinchcliffe, Resolution 2009-16 is approved as presented.

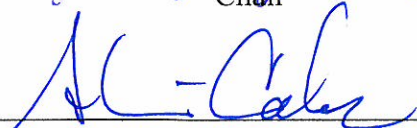
ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to address, at 7:05 a.m., with the motion of Commissioner Watkins and a second from Commissioner Cabe, the special meeting of December 23, 2009 was adjourned.

Attest:



Chair



Secretary



Commissioner