



Washington Township Health Care District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2020– 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Conducted by Teleconference
Dial In: 510-818-5900 Access Code: 6736

AGENDA

PRESENTED BY:

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| I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | William Nicholson, M.D.
Board President |
| II. ROLL CALL | Dee Antonio
District Clerk |
| III. COMMUNICATIONS | |
| A. Oral
<i>This opportunity is provided for persons in the audience to make a brief statement, not to exceed three (3) minutes on issues or concerns not covered by the agenda. "Request to Speak" cards should be filled out in advance and presented to the District Clerk. For the record, please state your name.</i> | |
| B. Written | |
| IV. CONSENT CALENDAR | <i>Motion Required</i> |
| A. Consideration of Unbudgeted Capital Request:
Replacement of Chiller at 2500 Building
(\$55,300.00) | |
| B. Consideration of Respiratory Waiting Tent
Outside the Emergency Department – Phase 2
(\$26,936.91) | |
| V. ANNOUNCEMENTS | Kimberly Hartz
Chief Executive Officer |
| VI. CLOSED SESSION
<i>In accordance with Section 1461, 1462, 32106 and 32155 of the California health & Safety Code and Sections 54962 and 54954.5 of the California Government Code, portions of this meeting may be held in closed session.</i> | Kimberly Hartz
Chief Executive Officer |
| A. Conference involving trade secrets pursuant to
Health & Safety Code section 32106 | |

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B. Report of Medical Staff and Quality Assurance
Committee, Health & Safety Code section
32155

C. Conference Involving Personnel Matters: Chief
Executive Officer

VII. OPEN SESSION

Report on Closed Session

William Nicholson, M.D.
Board President

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

William Nicholson, M.D.
Board President

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Clerk at (510) 818-6500. Notification two working days prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



Memorandum

DATE: December 17, 2020

TO: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Ed Fayen, Executive Vice President & Chief Operations Officer

SUBJECT: Replacement of Chillers at 2500 Mowry Avenue

The chillers that serve the 2500 building are not part of the original, 1996 installation; however, one of them is approximately 20 years old. That chiller has recently experienced a catastrophic failure of its compressor. Replacement of the compressor is estimated to be \$55,300.00. We are fortunate in that this failure has occurred in late fall, going into winter, so we have enough time to replace it before peak demand occurs in the summer months.

This project was not budgeted and is not included in the fiscal year 2021 capital budget. It is an unanticipated replacement of a part of a chiller, which will extend its useful life.

In accordance with District Law, Policies and Procedures, it is requested that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer execute the appropriate documents to move forward with the purchase and installation of the compressor of a chiller for a total amount not to exceed \$55,300.00.



Memorandum

DATE: December 21, 2020

TO: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Ed Fayen, Executive Vice President and COO

SUBJECT: Respiratory Waiting Tent Outside the Emergency Department – Phase 2

At its meeting on December 9, 2020, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a Respiratory Waiting Tent to provide the required designated respiratory waiting area for patients presenting to the Emergency Department. The total cost of this approved item was \$56,316.61.

In order to have the tent available to support surge and disaster situations in addition to COVID related activity, we will need additional electrical power equipment to support the operation of the tent.

This item was not budgeted in this fiscal year. The cost for the additional components of the tent is \$26,936.91.

In accordance with District Law, Policies and Procedures, it is requested that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to immediately proceed with the purchase of additional equipment for the Respiratory Waiting Tent for a total amount not to exceed \$26,936.91.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
PRIORITIES & PROGRESS REPORT
December 18, 2020

I. LEGISLATION

Federal and Local Economic Update

The national economic outlook continues to remain unfavorable, as certain key economic indicators have started to show declines over the past several weeks as the incidence of COVID-19 is increasing across the country. The global pandemic continues to put a significant strain on financial, commercial, and services sectors across all segments of the national and global economies.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics job report showed the U.S. economy added 245,000 jobs in November, as the unemployment rate ticked down to 6.7% from 6.9% in the previous month. The U.S. labor market continues to show market growth, although the rate of growth has declined over the past several months. Claims for U.S. jobless benefits continue to come in at relatively high levels, as 853,000 Americans filed for unemployment last week. This is the highest level of new benefit claims since September, as states are seeing a surge in COVID-19 cases. This current and anticipated increases in cases through the holiday season may impact the economic recovery, as states decide to shutdown portions of their economy.

The California economy showed an increase in jobs in October (state unemployment data lags national data by a month), as the economy added 145,500 jobs and the state's unemployment rate declined to 9.3% from 11.0% in the previous month. This is the first month since March that the state's unemployment rate has been below 10%. Like the national economy, the impact from the global pandemic is significant for the state's economy. It is expected to continue over the coming months as cases are rising across the state and counties have shut down major portions of their economies once again.

Locally, the District's unemployment rate declined in October (local unemployment data lags national data by a month) to 6.7%, down from 7.6% in the previous month. Approximately 12,400 District residents in the labor force are unemployed.

Analysis of all of the economic measures included above is ongoing and carefully monitored for potential impacts to hospitals and opportunities for Washington to contribute expertise and advocacy through our elected officials.

State and Federal Legislative Update

CA Legislature

The 2021-2022 legislative session started last week with new Members being sworn in. Leaders of both houses spoke of the challenges with COVID-19 as they pursue their legislative agendas. Last year, the Legislature greatly reduced the number of bills they moved forward due to the logistical constraints the pandemic presented to the hearing process. This year there have not been any limitations on the number of bills each Member may introduce, but both Leaders are alerting their Members to be prepared to only move forward a small number of bills.

The legislature will reconvene from the holiday recess on January 4, 2021 and will have until February 19 to introduce any bills for this session. Staff will monitor introduced legislation in order to assess the potential impacts to the District or the Healthcare System.

Federal Legislature

The Democratic Candidate, Joe Biden, will be sworn in as the next President of the United States on January 20, 2021. Staff is working with the District's Washington D.C. counsel, Holland & Knight, to determine what impact this election may have on health care in the coming year. In addition, the Senate election results currently stand at 48 Democrats and 50 Republican Senators, and the ultimate division of elected representatives will be determined in the Georgia Senate run-off election, which is slated to occur in the first week of January. Staff will continue to monitor election results and the potential impact to legislative and regulatory changes.

II. FOUNDATION

GIVING TUESDAY

The Foundation participated in Giving Tuesday this year in support of Washington Hospital's COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving, and this year, our community came together to raise \$22,596 in support of the hospital's COVID-19 response efforts, which exceeded the goal of \$10,000.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

To date, the Foundation has received over \$716,176 for the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. We received a generous \$100,000 gift to the COVID-19 Fund from a longtime donor in November, and are planning a handful of additional discussions with major donors before the end of the year. The Foundation plans to also send out a year-end appeal to donors the week of December 14th.

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

The Foundation's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 26th at 5pm via Zoom.