

Vashon Health Care District  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2020

**Opening**

Tom Langland, President, called the regular meeting of the Vashon Health Care District to order at 7:00 PM on February 12, 2020 in Vashon Presbyterian Church.

**Present:** Tom Langland, Eric Pryne, Don Wolczko, Wendy Noble

**Absent/Excused:** LeeAnn Brown

**Approval of Agenda**

Wendy moved to approve the agenda. Eric seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Don moved to approve the minutes of February 5th. Eric seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Public Comments**

- Joanne Herbert asked for an update on the Mission statement. She asked how our Mission statement reflects parity between mental health and medical services, noting that mental health services are an important part of overall health. Wendy agreed that mental health services are important but that the mission statement does not address specific services. It is a general statement of the overall purpose of the district. It will be presented during the meeting.

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports**

Staff and Professional Services

- Tom reported that there has been considerable interest in this interim position. He announced that the Board will break at the end of regular business tonight for an executive session to review and discuss resumes from applicants.
- Eric explained that discussion of personnel and hiring matters are exempted from the Open Public Meetings Act and are handled in an Executive Session.

Technology and Facilities

- Wendy reported that the office furniture is being moved in and that the office will be ready soon for occupancy. The office is #204 in Courthouse Square, with mailbox #1.
- Wendy reported that the website is almost ready to go public once we have our Mission statement. It should be ready within the next couple of weeks.

## Finance

- Don reported that the work with King County has been finalized, and we will be able to draw from the account. We now have an account and an EIN number. The King County Treasurer will act as the District treasurer. Our first payments have been made to Jim Boardman for the District laptops.

## External Relations

- Eric reported that there are ongoing meetings with Neighborcare. The requirements for OPMA and PRA have been explained to Neighborcare in terms of what needs to be discussed in open meetings and what information must be made available to the public.
- Eric explained that there are continuing discussions with a consultant who can assist with strategic planning. There have been some concerns raised by community members about whether this hiring process requires an RFP and an open search. Both Tom and Eric noted that they have spoken with this individual and found him uniquely qualified to assist us in the upcoming months.
- Eric has consulted with both our legal counsel and the legal consultant for the MRSC regarding the hiring process. The consensus is that a personal service contract does not require an RFP, though under different circumstances it might be advised. The fact that we are newly formed, do not have established policies yet, have a great deal of work to accomplish in a short time frame and are considering a person who already has experience working with the healthcare needs of Vashon supports proceeding with this consultant.
- Don noted that having an experienced consultant would be helpful in creating our budget this fall.
- Tom noted that we need someone with expertise in negotiating healthcare contracts.
- There was consensus that we proceed with seeking a proposal from this consultant.

## Old Business:

- Mission statement. Wendy read the mission statements of several large regional and national healthcare systems as examples. She then read the statement prepared for the District. There was approval from both the public and the commissioners for adopting the Mission statement as read.
- Eric noted that we will need a consultant to help us be clear about establishing priorities and schedules. Wendy and Eric have worked on developing a draft of a timeline of work over the next few months. It will be presented at the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It will include ideas for specific tasks and how they might fit in our current committee structures.
- There was discussion among the commissioners about the need to speak with clarity and with a unified voice regarding the work we are doing as we proceed.
- Tom suggested that we are going to need to start working soon with community members who have volunteered to share their experience and knowledge.

**Additional Public comments:**

- Patricia Haley suggested that we strongly urge the consultant to be clear about what his “tasks” will be and how much he will charge for each task.
- Joanne Herbert questioned whether this consultant had a role in seeking Neighborcare to be the provider for Vashon after CHI Franciscan left.
- Mary Bergman clarified that Neighborcare offered to provide care when no other system was willing to establish a clinic on Vashon.

**Executive Session**

The Commissioners ended the regular meeting and went into Executive Session at 7:40PM, to end at 8:10.

At 8:10 the Executive Session ended. There were no members of the public left in attendance. Executive Session was extended and ended at 8:25. At that time Eric moved that we adjourn. Wendy seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Vashon Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Noble