

## **BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS**

**October 22, 2024**

Those in attendance were Hospital Commissioners Don Welander, Darrin Moody, and Gayle Weston. Also present were Eric Moll, Mason Health CEO; Mark Batty, Mason Health COO; Steve Leslie, Mason Health CFO, Melissa Strong, Mason Health CNO; Robert Johnson, Legal Counsel, Dr. Michelle Hamilton, Mason Clinic, and Shelly Dunnington, Senior Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance: Bob Roger, Community Member.

Gayle Weston called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:02 a.m.

### **Agenda Review and Minutes:**

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes as presented.**

### **Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar**

Darrin Moody attended the BOHC Meeting, Board of Health Meeting on October 8, 2024, He also participated in the COO Interview on October 9 & 15, 2024, Board of Health Open House at Mason Health on October 9, 2024, Special BOHC Meeting on October 16, 2024 and a 1:1 w/Eric Moll on October 21, 2024.

Gayle Weston attended the BOHC Meeting on October 8, 2024, COO Interview on October 9 & 15, 2024, Special BOHC Meeting, Accountability Audit Entrance Conference Call and Financial Committee on October 16, 2024 and a 1:1 w/Eric Moll on October 21, 2024.

Don Welander attended the BOHC Meeting on October 8, 2024, Special BOHC Meeting on October 16, 2024 and a 1:1 w/Eric Moll on October 21, 2024.

**Public Comments: None**

### **Consent Agenda:**

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the October 8, 2024; consent agenda as presented.**

**Legal Counsel – Executive Session was called at 10:56 a.m. for 25 minutes to discuss applicant for public employment RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The regular meeting resumed at 11:32 a.m.**

The Board approved a motion authorizing the CEO to enter into a contract with the Chief Operation Officer.

### **CEO's Report –**

Eric Moll provided a brief update on the COO interviews.

### **Monthly Reports –**

- a. Financials – Steve Leslie presented the financials for September 2024, noting a positive outcome largely due to the SNAP program. The Board inquired about the impact of the ongoing IV fluid shortage on surgeries; Steve confirmed that some larger surgeries (e.g., hip, knee, joint replacements) have been postponed and will affect October's report.

**Old Business – None**

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**New Business –**

- a. Budget Amendment Steve Leslie recommended an increase of \$81,356 to the 2024 capital budget for tenant improvements at Suite 160 Gateway, designated for the Patient Access Department’s pre-registration team.  
**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the increase the 2024 capital budget in the amount of \$81,356 for tenant improvements at Suite 160 Gateway.**
  
- b. Budget Amendment – Steve Leslie shared the nursing leadership requests an increase to the Discharge Planning cost center of \$6,998.60 annually for Salaries and Wages. The wage increase will be a \$1,345.80 variance to the 2024 budget. The stipend will be added to base wages and provide a ‘lead’ position within Discharge Planning.  
**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve increase to the Discharge Planning cost center of \$6,998.60 annually for Salaries and Wages to provide a lead position.**

**Administration Roundtable**

**Mark Batty:** Provided updates on referral processes, which are expected to go live shortly after November 1, focusing on eFax, external referrals, and insurance link pre-population. He also reported progress in recruiting for ophthalmology and anticipates hiring two pharmacists and a pharmacy tech in 2025 to manage medication refills.

**Dr. Hamilton:** Reported on ongoing quality feedback initiatives and positive engagement from providers. She also updated the Board on advancements in population health.

**Budget Hearing started at 9:02 a.m.**

Gayle Weston opened the Budget Hearing, and Steve Leslie presented the proposed 2025 Operating & Capital Budgets. Commissioners discussed various topics, including inpatient volumes, uncompensated care, FTEs, wait times, and diagnostic imaging service variances related to a new MRI installation. Bob Rogers a community member “thanked” the commissioners for being so transparent and the good questions that were being asked.

Budget Hearing concluded at 10:47 a.m., and the regular meeting resumed.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 a.m.**

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OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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