



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING OF THE PETALUMA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CALL TO ORDER

President Hempel called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM in the lobby conference room at 1425 N. McDowell Blvd.

PRESENT

Elece Hempel
Josephine S. Thornton, M.A.
Becky Monday
Fran Adams, RN, BSN
Joseph Stern

ALSO PRESENT

Ramona Faith, CEO, PHCD
Erin Howseman, Board Clerk, PHCD
Andrew Koblick, Controller, PHCD
Jane Read, VP Operations, SJH

CALL FOR CONFLICT

President Hempel called for conflict. There was none.

MISSION AND VISION

Director Adams read the mission and vision of the Petaluma Health Care District.

The mission of the Petaluma Health Care District is to improve the health and well-being of our community through leadership, advocacy, support, partnerships and education.

Petaluma Health Care District envisions: A healthier community; a thriving hospital; local access to comprehensive health and wellness services for all.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Director Stern to approve the October 17, 2017 Agenda which was seconded by Director Adams. This motion was passed by a vote of 5 ayes (Directors: Hempel, Adams, Monday, Thornton, Stern) and 0 noes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hempel reported on the first chapters of the book entitled “52 Ways to be a Better Board” and quoted “True leaders are in it for the mission and the cause.” Director Stern will do the next chapters for the next board meeting.

CEO REPORT

CEO Ramona Faith reported on the previous week of the fire storm disaster, including that Sutter Hospital opened again that day. During the previous week the District office was closed and staff was instructed to go out into the community to help unless their presence was needed in the office. Ms. Faith reported that she delivered food to PVH and PPSC, and helped expedite the delivery of prescription medications to Petaluma emergency shelters.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Hempel adjourned the meeting into closed session pursuant to:

- **Government Code §54956.8 closed session; real property transaction; meeting with negotiator – 400 North McDowell Blvd.; GE Healthcare Camden Group, and Bouey & Black, LLP.**

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Hempel adjourned the meeting to open session and reported no action was taken in closed session.

PETALUMA VALLEY HOSPITAL

SRM Alliance Board Update

Jane Read, VP Operations at PVH gave the PVH update on events of the previous week. Ms. Read stated she heard that the emergency shelters in Sonoma County were down to 400 people that day, although she was not sure that number was accurate. On Monday, October 9, PVH opened a command center at 5:00 AM. As a result of the firestorm, 100 to 107 SJH employees and 40 doctors lost homes, and both physicians and PVH leadership had to evacuate their homes. Ms. Read said she had spoken to the PVH Foundation and stressed the need to find housing to keep medical staff and physicians from leaving the community. The Oncology Center, which is near the destroyed Hilton Hotel, did not burn but has not yet opened because the air filtering system must be checked and cleaned.

Ms. Read reported that PVH saw 550 patients in the previous week which is about double the normal volume, and the census on Med-surg is 40. In the OB department, PVH delivered 14 Kaiser or Sutter

babies. Volunteer staff came from Kaiser, Sutter, and from UCSF and Stanford. Some PVH physicians treated evacuees at the emergency shelter at the Marin-Sonoma Fairgrounds until the Petaluma Health Center took over.

Ms. Read reported on several efforts by management to provide temporary housing for PVH employees who had been dislocated. Air scrubbers with charcoal filters were delivered to improve air quality at PVH, with some being sent to Sonoma Valley Hospital, which was kept open due to the difficulty of reopening it. Before Kaiser reopens, it will need to ensure its air filtration system is working, but its outpatient facilities are open in Santa Rosa. Ms. Read said that PVH has systems in place to deal with evacuation of patients. Ms. Read reported that PVH is no longer on “treat and transfer” but is not accepting regional referrals due to its high census. Regular surgeries have resumed including electives. Ms. Read also reported that the Director of OR has tendered her resignation, and will be replaced soon by an interim director.

Ramona Faith congratulated Ms. Read on the tremendous job that the staff is doing at PVH during the crisis. Ms. Read thanked the board and Ms. Faith for providing food for the hospital staff during the week.

ADJOURN

President Hempel adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Submitted by Fran Adams, Board Secretary
Recorded by Erin Howseman, Board Clerk