

October 11, 2023

The Working Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Health was called to order by Commissioner Bogosian at 12:00 pm on September 13th in the Cypress Room of Island Health and via WebEx.

Those present were Commissioners Chip Bogosian, MD, Lynne Lang, PhD (via WebEx), and Paul Maughan, PhD. Also present were Elise Cutter, CEO, Tammy Needham, DNP, CCO, Julie Stewart, CFO, Dr. Jason Hogge, CMO and Kim Graf, Executive Business Partner.

Not Present: Rachel Mank, DO, Commissioner Warren Tessler

Diagnostic Technology:

Lisa Lee, Diagnostic Imaging Manager, and Leslie Symonds, Island Health Foundation Development Manger, provided a update on the diagnostic imaging technology upgrades that have recently been implemented as a result of the gifts raised at the 2023 Gala of Hope Heart Strings raise the paddle.

Highlighted were the following:

- IRADIMED MRI Patient Monitor
- Clarity HD for mammography screenings
- New portable x-ray machines. Island Health is the first healthcare facility in North America to have AI capability.
- New Shimadzu x-ray trauma detector and Shimadzu mobile x-ray
- Fluoro upgrade

Lisa Lee shared that work is still be completed with ultrasound equipment, workflow processes and expanded services with ultrasound.

Leslie remarked on the passion and commitment the Diagnostic Imaging team has for their work and thanked the Island Health Foundation Community Partners and Gala of Hope sponsors for their gifts that allowed Island Health to make these diagnostic imaging technology updates

Island Pulmonology Update:

Patty Codd, Director of Results Management, and Marcy Shimada, Practice Administrator, provided an update on the Island Pulmonology services provided at Island Health. In the first ten (10) weeks of the providing pulmonology services at Island Health, two hundred thirty-six (236) patients have been seen with 166 of these patients being new patients. There was discussion of the pulmonology services that are now done in house rather than transferring the patient elsewhere for services. Highlighted were the following:

- Inpatient Pulmonology Consults
- Bronchoscopy
- Pleurocentesis
- Increase in cat scan, x-ray and ultrasound services

Patty and Marcy commended Island Pulmonology Clinic Manager, Jen Taylor, and Respiratory Therapy Director, Sarah Edwards, for their efforts with launching and growing the Pulmonology Program at Island Health.

WSHA Q2 Financial Survey Results:

Elise provided a recap of the WSHA Q2 Financial Survey results remarking that in Q2 2023 hospital are still seeing financial losses, negative operating margin of 5% and that losses are continued to run through end of the year. Remarking that Island Health while Island Health continues to see loss there has been a \$5 million dollar turn around from this time last year and continues to rebuild case reserves.

WSHA continues to work with Federal and State Legislators to find solutions for difficult to discharge patients, revisions with staffing laws, increase hospital payments, invest in rural medicine service lines and mental health and substance use disorder services.

Due to the complexity of healthcare, Elise remarked on the importance of advocating for rural hospitals in Olympia and Washington, DC to find solutions for the challenges the healthcare industry continues to face.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule:

Elise remarked on 2024 Board Meeting schedule commenting on Working and Regular Board Meetings.

It was proposed that Working Board Meetings are conducted quarterly. This recommendation is not to lessen the information communicated but to allow for better use of meeting time and meaningful meetings. At the quarterly meetings the following topics would be reviewed:

Quarterly Goal Progress
Education Sessions
Project Updates

There was review of the draft Working and Regular Board Meeting calendar for 2024. All in attendance agreed to review the recommendation and the topic will be discussed at another meeting in November or December.

Action Item:

- 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Bogosian called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:10pm.

