

Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Wednesday January 11, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stephen Falk, Commissioner (via Zoom)

Attending:

Commissioners: Stephen Falk, Sara Oggel, Noel Newbolt
Superintendent: Barbara Wayland
Financial Advisor: Paulette Ladner
Recording Secretary: Farrah Carsten

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Sean Bozorgzadeh Virginia Lester, Alexandra Wiley, Patrick Grubb – APB

Public Comment: None

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (December 14, 2022)

Motion: To approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report:

Financial Report:

Paulette Ladner presented the financial report. Current month payables \$16,702.29 / Payroll is \$3,574.00

There are no items to note.

Bills presented for approval as follows:

Bills paid:

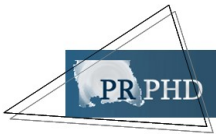
01/01/23 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC = \$16,000
12/31/22 – Point Roberts Bookkeeping = \$224
01/03/23 – Whatcom County Admin Svc = \$180
12/31/22 – Bellingham Business Machine = \$47.19
01/02/23 – Whatcom County FD #5 = \$251.10

Payroll as follows:

Heather Dixon – Cleaner = \$448
Barb Wayland – Superintendent = \$1,914
Farrah Carsten – Secretary = \$528
Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$228
Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$228
Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$228

Motion: To approve warrants and payroll for prior months' expenditures as presented. **Motion carried.**

December reports will not be available until January 24th, 2023.



Clinic Medical Director Update:

SUPERTRACK

DATE	NO. OF VISITS	NO. OF PATIENTS	NO. OF NURSES	NO. OF PHYSICIANS	NO. OF THERAPISTS	NO. OF SOCIAL WORKERS	NO. OF CASE MANAGERS	NO. OF CHAPLAINS	NO. OF OTHER STAFF
12/1/21	123	141							
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TOTAL	123	141							

Superintendent's Report:

Other:

The clinic numbers are moving up, last year in December the total visits were 123, this year is 141.

The clinic is seeing new patients coming into Point Roberts including children. Covid, RSV and influenza has eased up. The staff have been conducting house visits on a case-by-case basis (reserving the right to choose which one of the patients require a home visit) but it is not being advertised.

Dr. Bozorgzadeh is advocating on behalf of Point Roberts and lobbying to get better coverage for hospice. He met with the director of one of the hospice services in Whatcom County and is trying to setup a relationship where they can use their medical director for hospice but SuperTrack would like to stay involved with the care of their patients. Dr. Bozorgzadeh wanted to lay the groundwork and ensure they have a working relationship with them.

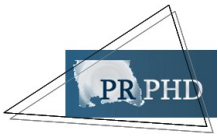
Hospice requires that life expectancy is less than 4 months and in some cases 6 months. The reimbursement is covered better through insurance companies where they can afford to come to Point Roberts. It seems to be that reimbursement for sending a nurse to a home where for example they just had surgery or an illness, is not covered well. It's not enough coverage or reimbursement for these companies to invest in hiring nurses and sending them to a remote location such as Point Roberts for a house call.

Holiday celebration update: Due to Covid and RSV illnesses the Christmas party was cancelled. Gift baskets were handed out to the Lakeway location and Barbara brought gift cards for the Point Roberts staff.

Return to in-person meetings: Stephen prefers using ZOOM for a few more months. The commissioners will meet with Paulette at the Marina Office to sign documents if needed.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday February 8th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.



Minutes approved verbally at the following month's ZOOM meeting

Stephen Falk

Sara Oggel

Noel Newbolt

Farrah Carsten