

## Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Wednesday May 10, 2023

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Alexandra Wiley, Virginia Lester, Shivé Marshall, Dee Gough, Allison Calder, Liz Otwell, Bill Zidel, Elisabeth Mason, Annelle Norman, Galen Wood, Pat Grubb– APB

**Public Comment:** Dee Gough asked if seniors would be able to receive their flu and shingles vaccine at the clinic this Fall. Dr. Bozorgzadeh responded that the flu vaccine being offered at the clinic has a wide range of coverage, from the geriatric to the pediatric population. The shingles vaccine is not offered at the clinic because logistically it is hard to stock, keep track of and not let it expire which is a costly and time-consuming process. Other pharmacies have more volume so they are able to provide a variety of vaccines. If there is enough interest, SuperTrack can order a batch and hold a shingles vaccine clinic. Dr. Bozorgzadeh will find out how many vaccines are in each batch and will get back to the commissioners on what the threshold would be to have a shingles vaccine clinic and as to whether both the shingles and flu vaccines can be administered at the same time.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (April 12, 2023)  
**Motion:** To approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

### **Financial Report:**

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Paulette Ladner presented the financial report. Current month payables \$16,881.85 / Payroll is \$3,231.00

There are 2 items to note: Whatcom County Administrative Services (payroll) = \$180.00 and Liberty Mutual Insurance (business auto insurance) = \$288.00

### **Bills presented for approval as follows:**

Bills paid:

05/01/23 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC = \$16,000  
04/30/23 – Point Roberts Bookkeeping = \$336  
04/28/23 – Point Roberts Press = \$50  
05/01/23 – Whidbey Telecom = \$27.85  
04/13/23 – Whatcom County Admin Svc = \$180  
05/01/23 – Liberty Mutual Insurance = \$288



**Payroll as follows:**

- Barb Wayland – Superintendent = \$2,001
- AmandaLyn Wayland – Cleaner = \$336
- Farrah Carsten – Secretary = \$552
- Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$114
- Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$114
- Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$114

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



POINT ROBERTS CLINIC NUMBERS FOR APRIL 2023

DATE	CV	LABS	PHYS	TELEMED	PHYS EXAM	SNRN CLINIC	PHYS & PLO	SHOTS	TOTAL
3	0							11	
4	0							11	
5	0							14	
6	0							8	
7	0							11	
8	0							11	
9	0							11	
10	0							11	
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25	0							11	
26	0							11	
27	0							11	
28	0							11	
29	0							11	
30	0							11	
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	

2023	CV	LABS	PHYS	TELEMED	PHYS EXAM	SNRN CLINIC	PHYS & PLO	SHOTS	TOTAL
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2022	CV	LABS	PHYS	TELEMED	PHYS EXAM	SNRN CLINIC	PHYS & PLO	SHOTS	TOTAL
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Clinic Medical Director Update:**

The clinic numbers for April are 138 versus 116 for the year before. There has been a steady rise of patients coming in for care including Canadian citizens, due to the BC medical system being strained.

Quest Labs – On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Bozorgzadeh had a ZOOM call with an account executive (Lisa) at Quest Labs. He presented the issue as needing a phlebotomist 2 days a week to collect and take samples back to the lab for analysis and that Quest shouldn't look at this as a transactional issue but more of Quest stepping up and helping the community. Lisa spoke with her leadership team and they are trying to look at this issue through one of their affiliate companies called Exam One which is a mobile lab service. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, she emailed Dr. Bozorgzadeh stating they could send a phlebotomist to Point Roberts by charging SuperTrack \$90 an hour for 8 hours (5 hours commute time and 3 hours at the clinic). The cost for 1 day a month would be \$720. She also listed other problems such as not being able to carry samples across the border and to have FedEx ship the samples instead. Dr. Bozorgzadeh thanked Quest for their efforts but said it was a highly insufficient way to deal with this issue.



In order to alleviate this problem, every 2 weeks SuperTrack has blood draws done by a nurse and Dr. Lary brings the samples to the Lakeway location. The samples are then placed in the Quest Labs box and Quest picks up the samples. Next week the clinic will have blood draws performed every Monday. Dr. Bozorgzadeh said they still don't know the logistics of bringing the samples through the border.

There is a Plan B – Chief Carleton volunteered to get his crew to take the samples to the lab. SuperTrack is still trying to work with FedEx as well, which would be the ideal solution.

Cheryl is continuing to perform the blood draws but SuperTrack is also in the process of interviewing 2 nurses.

Sara asked if it's a possibility to use UPS versus FedEx. Dr. Bozorgzadeh explained that Quest is tied to FedEx and SuperTrack is tied to Quest but it is something he can take a look into.

Allison Calder mentioned that in the past for multiple years Bloodworks Northwest would be at the fire hall to have a blood donation bank and they didn't have issues with transporting blood through Canada's border. They could be a great resource.

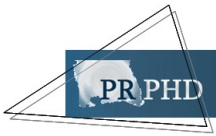
Other: Dr. Bozorgzadeh addressed an issue that was posted on the NextDoor social app. The decision to transport a patient to the emergency room or to a higher level of care is a complex decision, he stated. In his years of being a doctor he commonly comes across patients that dismiss their symptoms, it takes seconds for a doctor to assess the risk to life and have them sent elsewhere for higher level of care.

Stephen questioned if the patient was seen at all by the practitioner. Dr. Bozorgzadeh didn't want to get into specifics in order to protect the patient's privacy. The Point Roberts clinic does not have the diagnostic equipment available to make accurate diagnoses which is why a patient would be sent to a higher level of care. The 3 doctor's that are present at the Point Roberts clinic are committed to taking care of everybody that walks through the door and they are very cognizant of the fact that it's a hassle for people to go to Bellingham.

**Clinic Cleaners:** Grace Hettinga turned in her 2-week notice because she returned to school and had another part time job. Between that and her clinic job she was working 7 days a week. Barbara hired Olivia Hughes and Deanna Perkins to complete the cleaning.

**Clinic Vacuum Cleaner:** Barbara was able to purchase a vacuum cleaner to replace the broken one at the clinic and it was considerably cheaper.

## Superintendent's Report:



Clinic laundry: The clinic cleaners brought up that the medical gowns that patients wear need to be washed. Barbara requested that an authorization be approved for 1 hour a week for each load of laundry to be done. The clinic cleaners bring the laundry to their own home using their own washer and dryers to complete this task. Currently PRPHD pays the cleaners 4 hours a week so the week laundry is being done, we would need to approve it to 5 hours for that week.

**Motion:** To approve 1 hour each time laundry is completed 2 to 4 times per month. **Motion passed.**

**Elections:** Anyone interested in filing for election as a commissioner on this or any other commission in Point Roberts, must file online in order to run. The filing dates are May 15<sup>th</sup> -- May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Request for extension of clinic renewal contract to 2 years:** This conversation was tabled from April's meeting. SuperTrack had requested to amend the agreement from a 1-year renewal term to a 2-year renewal term.

All the 3 commissioners were in agreement to keep it to a 1 year contract renewal.

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM**

Meeting adjourned: 7:46 p.m.

*Minutes approved verbally at the following month's ZOOM meeting*

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Stephen Falk

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Sara Oggel

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Noel Newbolt

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Farrah Carsten

Other: