



Point Roberts Hospital District

Meeting Minutes Wednesday November 12, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Stephen Falk at 7:00 pm

Commissioners: Stephen Falk, Sara Oggel, Noel Newbolt (Absent)

Staff Present: Superintendent: Javid Nouripour

Auditing Officer & Secretary: Farrah Carsten

MD, Provider: Sean Bozorgzadeh

Practice Manager: Alexandra Wiley

Guests/Public Present: Pat Grubb – APB, Allison Calder, Dee Gough (Parks & Rec), Vic Riley, Erin (APB), Jen Kurcz, Alyssa Clark, Pia Clark, Brandon Gibbs, Connie Wiley, Margot Getsinger

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (October 8, 2025) & PRPHD Special Meeting (October 23, 2025)

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

Financial Report:

Farrah Carsten provided copies and presented the financial report.

General Fund = \$272,762.17

Reserve Fund = \$185,494.63

Capital Fund = \$11,941.62

Current month payables = \$17,119.68 / Payroll is \$2,942

Bills presented for approval as follows:

11/01/25 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC (Dec 25) = \$16,000

11/02/25 – Whatcom County Fire District #5 utilities = \$124.74

11/03/25 – Bellingham Business Machines= \$29.01

11/07/25 – Pt Roberts Mini & Mobile Storage = \$480

09/30/25 – Whatcom County Admin Services (Q3-25) = \$180

11/08/25 – Farrah Carsten reimbursement = \$305.93

Payroll:

Javid Nouripour – Superintendent = \$928
Farrah Carsten – Auditing Officer & Secretary = \$648
Kimberly Kimmerer – Cleaner = \$400
Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$322
Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$322
Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$322

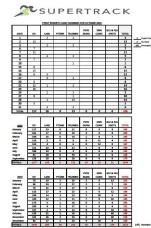
Motion: To approve warrants and payroll for prior months' expenditures as presented. **Motion carried.**

Motion: Resolution 2025-02 – To change the district’s regular meeting date, effective December 3rd, 2025 to more effectively manage the district’s finances. *All in favor of approval – Motion carried.*

Motion: Resolution 2025-04 – Approval of 1% Levy Increase. *All in favor of approval – Motion carried.*

Motion: Resolution 2025-03 – Approval of 2026 Budget. *All in favor of approval* – **Motion carried.**

Clinic Medical Director Update:



Dr. Bozorgzadeh's presented the clinic numbers: 166 vs 266 in 2024 and there were 23 telemedicine visits. Compared to last year the numbers are low but he pointed out that in 2024 around this time the flu clinic was running.

The flu clinic for 65+ will be this Friday, November 14, 2025. Alex added that the cost for the 65+ vaccine will be \$95 for those without insurance and the regular vaccine will be \$25 however they will work with anyone experiencing financial hardships.

Dr. Bozorgzadeh also updated the board that as of October 1st (due to the shutdown), Congress allowed Medicare telehealth to expire and this is why there was an uptick in telemedicine visits. If patients come to the Point Roberts clinic the nurse will see them and provide testing prior to a call with a doctor in Bellingham. Alex said that Javid and herself have been researching what a rural health center is and there are designations that can qualify for telemedicine under a rural health district. Since Congress reconvened this afternoon, the rules will be fairly fluid. Alex's preference is to go with what the established Medicare rules are, which are telemedicine is not be paid for at least until they know something different but Javid and her will be working on this project. Providers will be at the clinic 3 days a week from 9 am to 4 pm and blood draws will be available 2 days a week.

Dr. Bozorgzadeh interjected and explained that when they reviewed the definition of rural health centers Point Roberts did qualify for all of those points and they will be applying for the certification and he believes that it will allow SuperTrack to have a point to argue with the insurance companies so that they pay for the telemedicine visits. The approach going forward should be applying for rural health status for the Point Roberts clinic. The benefits are not only going to telemedicine coverage by insurance companies, but also perhaps opening the door for grants that Javid can help with the process and possibly members of the community can also step in and write grant proposals. The doctor said even though the environment is unknown SuperTrack will try to push forward for applying for a designation of rural health and then try to use that with insurance companies so they continue to cover telemedicine. Alex mentioned that they might need to have a county council designation on their agenda, which would be a pretty easy thing to get.

Stephen asked if the legal change mentioned from October 1st was affecting all programs or just Medicare and/or Medicaid and/or private insurance. Alex responded that from what she understands Medicare makes a ruling and insurance follows that ruling and after researching this, it was all-encompassing. Dr. Bozorgzadeh added that they loosened up the definition of telemedicine visit and started to reimburse because of Covid but an expiration was placed on it. However, during this "test run" it's been proven that telemedicine is practical, helps people and improves care. Technology is more advanced and should be improved upon but it's a good moment to apply for rural health due to Point Roberts geographic uniqueness.

Allison Calder went to the Washington State Department of Health to get information on rural health clinics that have already been certified and there's one in Blaine, Linden, Ferndale, and Everson. Allison is also having a meeting with Councilmember John Scanlon regarding issues with Point Roberts and she offered her assistance to get that on a county council docket. Stephen asked if this is something that PRPHD would do as a district or SuperTrack as the provider. Alex answered it's governmental and it would have to be the county that certifies Point Roberts as a rural community with a deficit. Stephen also asked if telemedicine has completely stopped for residents until Point Roberts gets the designation or Congress corrects the mistake. Dr. Bozorgzadeh said if a patient comes in on a day when there is no provider at the clinic, the nurse will see them and run tests if needed. If it's not urgent the patient can wait until a provider is at the clinic and if urgent the patient can come to the Bellingham location to be seen. SuperTrack will do their best to make sure the service does not get interrupted and hopefully Congress will extend it until January of 2026. If it's insisted that the service must go away, then SuperTrack will come up with a reasonable fee where patients can walk in to the clinic, have their test done by the nurse and sit in front of one of the providers. The ideal situation will be to qualify as a rural health clinic and have insurance cover those visits.

Superintendent's Report:

Clinic: There were some lighting issues even after the bulbs were replaced and it turned out it was for the ballast. An electrician will be coming out with John Shields to remedy the situation. The air conditioning unit remote stopped working and the air is blowing directly towards Pia's environment. Javid is hoping it's just the remote, and that a few different reset configurations will fix the issue otherwise an HVAC technician will need to be called in.

Mobile Dental Clinic: Javid is still pursuing the dental options with Medical Teams International and Camille Hook is the representative that he has been dealing with. They have covered areas in Whatcom County such as Bellingham from time to time. Sara asked how often would they come out to Point Roberts and Javid said it would depend on timing and that PRPHD would need to figure out a schedule with them. They haven't yet crossed borders as an agency, because they are only within the Pacific Northwest and there may be legal regulation things for them being able to cross as their own entity so that needs to be solved first. Javid also spoke with Chief Carleton about which areas of the parking lot could be used for the mobile dentist without interfering with the Fire Department operations.

Open enrollment: Javid urged everyone to contact their insurance company and ensure that they can renew their plan since some Medicare plans have been cancelled. Stephen said insurance providers are no longer offering the silver plans, only bronze and gold is being offered. For Medicaid SuperTrack is contracted with Molina and United Healthcare, per Alex.

Other:

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday December 3rd, 2025 @ 7:00 pm in person at the Community Center and via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approved verbally at the following month's meeting:

**Noel Newbolt, Commissioner 1
Stephen Falk, Commissioner 2
Sara Oggel, Commissioner 3**