

Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Wednesday March 13, 2024

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, Alexandra Wiley, Pat Grubb – APB, Virginia Lester, Deborah Shields, David Tuckerman, Lauren Elizabeth, Liz Otwell, Ray Smith, Shannon R., Vic Riley

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (February 14, 2024)

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

Financial Report:

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Paulette Ladner presented the financial report. Current month payables \$18,912.02 / Payroll is \$3,624.28

There is 1 item to note: Stephen Falk reimbursement for Liberty Mutual Insurance = \$1,802

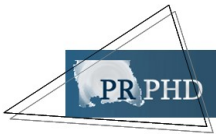
Bills presented for approval as follows:

Bills paid:

02/29/24 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC = \$16,000
02/29/24 – Point Roberts Bookkeeping = \$700
03/01/24 – Point Roberts Press = \$50
03/10/24 – Point Roberts Fire Distr. #5 = \$283.05
03/01/24 – Whidbey Telecom = \$53.14
03/01/23 – Bellingham Business Machine = \$23.83
03/13/24 – Stephen Falk reimbursement = \$1,802

Payroll as follows:

Barb Wayland – Superintendent = \$2,001
Farrah Carsten – Secretary = \$665.28
Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$114
Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$114
Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$114
Deanna Perkins – Cleaner = \$616



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

Clinic Medical Director Update:

POINT ROBERTS COMMUNITY CENTER (PRCC) DATA

DATE	NO. VISITS	NO. PATIENTS	NO. TESTS	NO. PHOTOS	NO. VIDEOS	NO. BLOOD DRAWS	NO. BLOOD TESTS
1/1/2023	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
2/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
3/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
4/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
5/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
6/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
7/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
8/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
9/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
10/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
11/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
12/1/2023	161	161	161	161	161	161	161
TOTAL	161	161	161	161	161	161	161

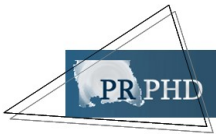
February clinic visits = 161 versus 125 last year this time. There were 27 telemedicine visits because there was a snow day and the clinic staff couldn't make it into Point Roberts so the patients were transferred to telemedicine. The patients would show up to the clinic and use the tablet in the exam room for privacy and connect to the doctor in Bellingham.

The clinic will be expanding the hours on Fridays going forward. Sara Viant is conducting the INR measurements, hemoglobin A1C tests, patient education, etc. on that day. The blood draws are also expanding. The doctors bring the blood across the border to the Bellingham clinic, drop it in the Quest Labs collection box and so far, there haven't been issues with the border. Hopefully this will continue because the situation with FedEx was a huge ordeal. Stephen said he would talk to Dr. Bozorgzadeh at a later time regarding the blood transport.

Alex provided an update on a third-party insurance vendor that got into a Primera database and sent letters to everyone across the state (not just Point Roberts) saying that they were reassigning patients to different providers. SuperTrack has confirmed with Primera that this is not true and SuperTrack is the provider. There will be a retraction letter that will be sent to everyone in that database soon. Stephen suggested putting out a public statement to the effect that if someone received a letter from Primera indicating a reassignment in providers, that it was not correct and your insurance is exactly the same as it was before. Dr. Bozorgzadeh added that patients of SuperTrack that have Primera for insurance can contact the clinic directly to receive help. Stephen said they would provide a draft letter to SuperTrack to look over before it is posted to the Point Roberts community.

Superintendent's Report:

Nothing to report at this time.



Other:

Stephen opened a topic regarding Dr. John Anwar wanting to provide the commissioners with a presentation of what services he has to offer in place of the current provider. Stephen wanted to have a discussion with the commissioners to see if they as a group would like to hear from Dr. Anwar and if

it should be placed on the agenda for April's meeting. He also said he was surprised to recently learn that Dr. Anwar was already providing services to some people in the community and he would be in favor of hearing more about his proposal.

Noel stated that it came out of left field and the commission didn't ask for a proposal so she wasn't in favor of hearing the proposal in April, May or June but she did say she would have her questions ready.

Sara thanked Stephen for bringing it to a vote. She stated she would be in favor of hearing what services they have to offer at either the April or May meeting.

Motion: To have Dr. John Anwar provide his proposal at the April meeting.
Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday April 10th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

Minutes approved verbally at the following month's ZOOM meeting

Stephen Falk

Sara Oggel

Noel Newbolt

Farrah Carsten