

Jefferson County Public Hospital District No. 2
Board of Commissioners Special Session
Minutes
January 29, 2016
Legislative Buildings, Olympia

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm present were Commissioners Buhler, Dressler, Kolff, and Ready. Commissioner De Leo was excused. Also present was Mike Glenn, CEO.

Purpose

The purpose of this special meeting is to meet with Representative Tharinger, Representative Van De Wege, and Senator Hargrove regarding relevant legislative issues.

Plan & prepare for Visit with Delegates

The commissioners met together to prepare for their visit with Representatives Tharinger and Van De Wege and Senator Hargrove. Items discussed included Mental Health, Inpatient Psychiatric Care Facilities, and Single Payer Healthcare.

At 1:00 pm Commissioner Buhler announced a recess for 15 minutes to walk over to the O'Brien building.

Representatives Van De Wege & Tharinger

At 1:22 pm Commissioner Buhler reconvened the meeting to meet with Representative Van De Wege and Representative Tharinger. Introductions were made and Mr. Glenn provided an overview of the proposed Inpatient Psychiatric unit at Jefferson Healthcare, the cost of construction and a request for increased funding from the Legislature for the project. Additionally Mr. Glenn and the Commissioners discussed the inadequate reimbursement by Medicaid for Psychiatric services noting the challenges to a Critical Access Hospital in providing much needed services, and asking that consideration be given to improving Medicaid reimbursement in line with CAH cost reimbursement. Commissioners also encouraged the representatives to continue to explore Single Payer Healthcare.

At 1:45 pm Commissioner Buhler announced a recess for 15 minutes to walk over to the Legislative building.

Senator Hargrove

At 2:05 pm Commissioner Buhler reconvened the meeting to meet with Senator Hargrove's legislative assistant, Shawn O'Neill. Introductions were made and Mr. Glenn provided a summary of the proposed Inpatient Psychiatric Unit at Jefferson Healthcare services as was provided to Representatives Tharinger and Van De Wege. An appointment was made to meet with Senator Hargrove the following week. Commissioner Ready expressed the Commissioners continued encouragement for further exploration of Single Payer Healthcare.

Adjourn:

Meeting concluded at 2:35 pm.

Approved by the Commission:

President of Commission: Jill Buhler _____

Secretary of Commission: Marie Dressler _____