

North Sonoma County HealthCare District
June 29, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Board of Directors of the North Sonoma County Healthcare District met in person at 111 Monte Vista Avenue and via Zoom Teleconference. Chair Jim Nantell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
- b. Board Clerk called the roll. The following Board members were present constituting a quorum:

David Anderson, MD, Member at Large
Sue Campbell, Board Treasurer
Jim Nantell, Chair

Absent: Erin Gore, Member at Large (arrived at 4:15 PM)

Also present:

Guest

Kirsten Tellez, Director of Development for Alexander Valley Healthcare
Erica Gonzales, Legal Counsel

Staff

Tucker Pinochi, Board Clerk
Richard Pio Roda, Esq., District Counsel

Chair Nantell called for conflicts on the agenda items listed below. There were none. Chair Nantell then opened the floor for members of the public to comment on open session, non-agendized items. There were no members of the public present to comment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Consent Calendar

- **June 29, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda**
- **May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- **May 31, 2023 District Financial Statements**

Director Nantell called for a motion. A Motion was made by Director Campbell to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Nantell called for a vote by show of hands, which was as follows:

Vote: Anderson: Y Campbell: Y Gore: Abs Nantell: Y The motion was approved 4-0, with one not voting.

2. Consider Appointment of Hector Galvan as New Board of Directors Member to fill position left vacant by resignation of former Board Member Danielle Streb – Discussion / Action

Director Nantell reported that Hector Galvan’s consideration before the Board during this meeting and if approved, Mr. Galvan will be sworn in as a new Board member during the July Board meeting. Director

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Anderson commented that based on Mr. Halvan's Curriculum Vitae, and based on his past experience is well qualified. He is very involved in the Community and his current employer is very supportive of his joining the Board. His ability to attend the meetings will not be burdensome.

Director Gore joined the Meeting and provided positive feedback of Candidate Galvan, including speaking to several Community members. Chair Nantell asked if there was any public comments with regard to the Appointment, there being none, Chair Nantell asked for a vote.

A Motion was made by Director Campbell to approve the Appointment of Hector Galvan as a New Board of Directors Member. Director Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Appointment. Chair Nantell called for a vote by show of hands, which was as follows:

Vote: Anderson: Y Campbell: Y Gore: Y Nantell: Y The motion was approved 4-0.

3. Update on outreach to Cloverdale City Council and Alexander Valley Healthcare on Foundation's work on a Cloverdale Community Wellness Center – Discussion / Action

Director Gore reported that she had met with the Cloverdale City Manager pertaining to the Cloverdale Community Wellness Center. Additional discussions need to take place prior to bringing the matter before the Board. Director Gore suggested that placing the matter on the August Board Agenda would be appropriate.

4. Alexander Valley Healthcare Strategic Plan and potential future Capital Campaign – Discussion / Action

5. Kirsten Tellez, Director of Development for Alexander Valley Healthcare introduced the Valley Healthcare Clinic which has been around since 1994. In 2004 the last physician left the Community and the Clinic became the only healthcare provider in the area. The Clinic was granted F2HC Status. The Clinic provides Primary Medical, Dental and Mental Health, Substance Abuse care as well as financial service assistance. Director Gore commented that access to this type of care is very limited in that area. Ms. Tellez stated that the Clinic is a private practice which does accept insurance from Blue Cross, Sutter, and Medicare insured patients but not Kaiser currently.

The Clinic provides high-quality healthcare, even to a higher level as they are strictly regulated. They are the only Healthcare provider from Healdsburg to Ukiah. Cloverdale is the largest populated area within their service area. Director Campbell inquired as to whether the Clinic provides abortion services. At this time the Clinic does not. It was unclear due to the Federal funding the Clinic receives whether referrals for this procedure can be made. Other family planning services (counseling, access to birth control, etc.) are offered.

Ms. Tellez shared the demographics of the Cloverdale community which includes a large population of Latinos as well as the elderly. Director Gore asked if the Clinic provides Drug dependence education to the local high schools. Ms. Tellez responded that if invited they would provide that education in the Schools.

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The Clinic hit capacity in 2019, treating approximately 6,000 patients annually – 4,200 is the suggested maximum. Because of this, the plan would be to build a new Health and Wellness Center, which has been under discussion for quite some time, since 2010. Last October a 2.8 acre of land was purchased from the City of Cloverdale for \$1.5M, centrally located in their service area. The facility will be 40,000 sq. ft. including Administration, Dental, Medical, Mental Health, Urgent Care, also will include Lab services and a Pharmacy. The City of Cloverdale will be providing \$1M toward the construction of the Center. The new facility will be a ‘Green’ facility with EV charging stations, drought friendly landscaping, etc. Director Anderson asked, based on a recent report from the Sonoma County Grand Jury of the need to provide warming and cooling centers. Ms. Tellez assured that the new Center would support providing those services.

Building Plans will go to the City in August 2023 with ground-breaking in November 2023 for completion in December 2025. The project total cost will be \$40M. Funding has been secured to cover \$30M. Philanthropic funding will be sought to help with part of the difference. Director Gore suggested Ms. Tellez reached out to Beverly Hecklesen (?) a Congresswoman from southern California who is running for Senate, and who is very enthusiastic in projects such as the Center.

Ms. Tellez is asking the Board for any funding that can be given, and if there are any additional questions. Director Gore asked if there would be any opportunity to construct park or picnic areas/skate parks. Ms. Tellez responded with the required parking necessary to support the new Center there would be limited available space to expand beyond the Center.

The Board stated that Budget discussions are currently underway to determine how much would be available if the decision was made to contribute. Ms. Tellez then indicated that she has meet with Providence and will be meeting with Sutter and Kaiser to inquire as to their ability to contribute as well.

There being no further questions, Ms. Tellez departed.

6. Strategic Plan – discuss approach going forward to future work on the District’s Strategic Plan – Discussion / Possible Action

Director Gore shared that a key question that needs to be answered is whether the Board wants to use its funds to fund something big or smaller grants. Does the Board want to retain the funds and provide smaller amounts to several entities or award large amount(s) a few community health needs. Director Gore suggested that the Board should choose first which path to follow. In regards to leading the update to the Strategic Plan Director Gore felt there may be some local experts that would do the work free of charge.

Director Campbell agreed that the Board should make that decision first – whether it is one large gift or several smaller gifts. Director Gore will reach out to Ingrid, and other consultants that she has worked with in the past who does this type of consulting work who could help validate the focus and provide guidance. Director Campbell suggested vetting three, free of charge, consultants.

Director Gore asked what the Board felt would be the messaging to the prospective consultants: one large grant/loan and for how much, or several smaller consistent grants/loans and for how much. Discussion

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continued with no formal decision on the type of contributions to be made. The Board felt that with the guidance from the Consultant and further discussion, a decision would be reached.

7. Open Public Hearing on Resolution #4-23: Adopting Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Discussion / Action

Chair Nantell asked if any Board member would like to make any comments and if there were any public comments. There were none. Director Anderson inquired as to the dollar amount for the Resolution. Parcel tax is \$150 per parcel.

8. Close Public Hearing on Resolution #4-23 – Action

Chair Nantell asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adopt Resolution #4-23.

A Motion was made by Director Gore to approve the Adoption of Resolution #4-23. Director Campbell seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution #4-23. Chair Nantell called for a vote by show of hands, which was as follows:

Vote: Anderson: Y Campbell: Y Gore: Y Nantell: Y The motion was approved 4-0.

9. Open Public Hearing on Resolution #5-23 Setting the Parcel Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Action

Chair Nantell asked if there were any public comments on the Adoption of Resolution #5-23. There being none, the Board closed the hearing on Resolution #5-23.

10. Close Public Hearing on Resolution #5-23 – Action

Chair Nantell asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adopt Resolution #5-23.

A Motion was made by Director Campbell to approve the Adoption of Resolution #5-23. Director Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution #5-23. Chair Nantell called for a vote by show of hands, which was as follows:

Vote: Anderson: Y Campbell: Y Gore: Y Nantell: Y The motion was approved 4-0.

11. Approve and Authorize the Chair of the Board or His Designee to Appropriate and Pay \$30,000.00 to the Petaluma Valley Health Care District for Closure of Claims - Action

Chair Nantell reminded the Board that this was a claim brought by Mr. Pinochi against the Staff at the Petaluma Valley Health Care District. Director Anderson questioned the reasoning behind the requirement that North Sonoma County HealthCare Board was responsible for payment of the Closure of the Claim. Director Nantell explained that Mr. Pinochi served as Board Clerk for both Boards and an investigation was launched into the claims which resulted in the claims being unfounded. The cost of the investigation and settlement was shared between both Board Districts, with the North Sonoma County HealthCare District's obligation smaller than Petaluma Valley Health Care District. Director Nantell asked if anyone would like to make a motion for approval.

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A Motion was made by Director Gore to approve and Authorize the Chair of the Board or His Designee to Appropriate and Pay \$30,000.00 to the Petaluma Valley Health Care District for Closure of Claims. Director Anderson seconded the motion to Approve and Authorize the Chair of the Board or His Designee to Appropriate and Pay \$30,000.00 to the Petaluma Valley Health Care District for Closure of Claims. Chair Nantell called for a vote by show of hands, which was as follows:

Vote: Anderson: Y Campbell: Y Gore: Y Nantell: Y The motion was approved 4-0.

Director Campbell will assure that the payment is issued as Treasurer of the Board.

12. Regarding District Housekeeping – Discussion / Possible Action

- New Board Clerk Appointment
- Future Agenda Items
 - Foundation’s work on Windsor Wellness

Chair Nantell informed that Board that a new Board Clerk has been hired by the name of Juliana (Dougan). She worked for Providence for quite some time including supporting their Board of Directors as well as other experience that would benefit in her new role as Board Clerk. Juliana has a pre-scheduled vacation which unfortunately will have her miss the July meeting. Director Nantell commented that she will be able to have the time to acclimate to the new role prior to her vacation.

Chair Nantell next informed the Board that the current location where the Board meetings currently are held will no longer be available after September, so a new location will need to be identified. Director Gore indicated that she has a conference room off of Airport Blvd., in North Santa Rosa. Director Gore will look into whether it falls into District 4. Director Campbell suggested the Alliance Conference room, however it is closed to the public after 5:00 pm, so may pose a logistical issue for anyone from the public wishing to attend. The Board will continue to explore options over the next two months.

Directors Nantell and Campbell reminded the Board that discussion on ‘Foundation’s work on Windsor Wellness’ is better suited for the September Board meeting.

13. Financial Matters – Discussion / Possible Action

- Audit Update
- David Anderson Trust – Use of Funds

Director Campbell reported that the Audit wrapped up today (June 29, 2023). Director Campbell asked if a management paragraph needs to be provided by the Board. Director Campbell asked the Board if Audit Committee should report to an upcoming Board meeting. The audit report will be provided to the Board with the opportunity to ask questions. Director Campbell will invite a member of the audit firm to present the Audit finding at the July Board Meeting

Director Anderson reported that he has been to three committee meetings in the last two weeks: Heart Reduction Task Force, Community Benefit Committee, and Sonoma County Master Plan for Aging. Sonoma County is the 2nd oldest county in the State. The Community Benefit Task Force is looking to make NarCan more accessible throughout the County. Working with Big Pharma to reduce the

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cost of NarCan doses which are averaging between \$70-80/dose. Director Anderson suggested that his \$8,000 may benefit the Community Benefit Committee to bring down the cost of each dose, if managed correctly and approved by Director Anderson. Petaluma Valley Hospital has hired a Substance Use Navigator who guides those being treated at the Hospital with Substance Abuse challenges to resources to assist in recovery. Currently Healdsburg Hospital does not have this service, however there is a new social worker who is very involved in the Community and seems eager to assist in this area.

Director Campbell left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

14. Legal Report – Update on Any Legal Matters

Chair Nantell asked Ms. Gonzales if there were any legal matters to bring before the Board. Ms. Gonzales stated that there were none except for approval of the Legal Settlement.

15. Consideration of Materials Disseminated by Board Members

Chair Nantell stated that Director Anderson distributed information on the Community Benefit Committee activities. Chair Nantell asked if there was any other business. There was none.

16. Adjournment

Chair Jim Nantell adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.