

UNAPPROVED

City of Ketchikan & PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting

July 27, 2023

Call to Order:

The Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Lacey Simpson at 9:02 a.m. This meeting took place at the Ketchikan City Council Chambers, 334 Front Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Additionally, a virtual option was available via WebEx Teleconference.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

City of Ketchikan

Chair – Lacey Simpson

City Member – Mark Hilson

Council Member – Jai Mahtani

City Clerk, Kim Stanker

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Vice Chair – Dori Stevens

PeaceHealth Member – Scott Smith (WebEx)

PeaceHealth Board Member – Clay Keene

Executive Assistant – Lisa Maddocks (WebEx)

City Manager, Delilah Walsh attended the meeting virtually.

Communications:

No communications were noted.

Persons to be Heard:

Chair Simpson made a call for persons to be heard. None declared.

Approval of Minutes:

Following review of the DRAFT minutes from the April 27, 2023, Healthcare Advisory Committee meeting, and there being no further discussion, nor objections, the committee unanimously approved the minutes from July 27, 2023, as submitted.

Old Business:

No old business was identified.

New Business:

A. Update on Same Day Clinic Services

Vice Chair Dori Stevens advised the intent of the Same Day Clinic is to provide regular, after-hours care for urgent non-life-threatening conditions as an alternative to visiting the emergency department. The clinic is scheduled to open in September 2023. She reviewed the key leadership support for the project and discussed the operational hours, which may change depending on demand for service and staffing availability. Ms. Stevens advised the scope of services which will be offered and commented on the various departments collaborating to ensure the success of the clinic.

Chair Simpson inquired about the marketing plan for the clinic. Vice Chair Stevens advised that PeaceHealth plans to roll out communications beginning in mid-late August.

B. Update on Emergency Department Remodel.

Vice Chair Stevens provided an update on the emergency department remodeling project. She advised the project will be a three-phase approach, beginning with a new CT. Phase 1 will cost approximately \$3.4M. Phase 2 will consist of moving and enlarging the Lab, while Phase 3 will address the Emergency Department.

At this time, PeaceHealth is still working to determine if they will retain the old CT. Having a second CT unit would require a certificate of need (CON) based on meeting a minimum case volume. The CON, volume and ancillary costs will dictate whether the second CT is retained. Scott Smith spoke to the volumes needed for the CON, as well as ancillary costs.

C. Telehealth Options Available Through PeaceHealth.

Vice Chair Stevens provided an overview of the telehealth services provided by PeaceHealth. Services include Orthopedics, General Surgery, Oncology, Cardiology, and Gastroenterology. Telehealth options are primarily utilized for physicians who are not on site and is a good option for follow-up appointments.

D. Update on Medical Group Reporting Structure.

Vice Chair Stevens reviewed the Medical Group reporting structure. Early in 2023, the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Administrative Officer assumed joint responsibility for the Medical Group, providing a different approach between the hospital and clinics. A Vice President of Medical Affairs was recently hired.

E. Details on August 11th Centennial & Partnership Celebration.

The committee was reminded of the community BBQ, which will take place on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 3:30pm - 6:00pm in the main parking lot of the hospital. The BBQ is open to all community members and their families.

F. Community Health Board Annual Town Hall.

Vice Chair Stevens advised that the PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center Community Health Board will begin planning their annual town hall meeting, which will likely take place in October 2023.

Additional new business was noted. Vice Chair Stevens advised of two new services provided by PeaceHealth, including Hospice services and a new Bone Density Scanner. The Bone Density Scanner has been in operation for approximately 4 months and was funded through the PeaceHealth Foundation.

Future Agenda Items:

No new agenda items were noted.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Healthcare Advisory Committee, Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m. The next meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, and available via WebEx invitation.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Maddocks, Executive Assistant
PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center