

APPROVED

**City of Ketchikan &
PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center**

Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting

October 23, 2023

1. Call to Order:

The Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Lacey Simpson at 4:00pm. This meeting took place at the Ted Ferry Civic Center, 888 Venetia Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska. A virtual option was not available due to location.

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

City of Ketchikan
Chair – Lacey Simpson
City Member (Interim) – Amanda Robinson

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
Vice Chair – Dori Stevens
PeaceHealth Member – Scott Smith
PeaceHealth Board Member – Clay Keene
Executive Assistant – Lori Medvid

Committee Members Absent:

City of Ketchikan
Council Member – Jai Mahtani

Guest Speaker:
Lisa DeLaet – Ketchikan Wellness Coalition

3. Communications:

No communications were noted.

4. Persons to be Heard:

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

Chair Simpson informed the committee that Mark Hilson was no longer employed by the City of Ketchikan and as a result has vacated his seat on the HAC Committee. Amanda Robinson, being present, was introduced as the Interim Public Works Director and requested committee approval for her to fill-in for the vacant seat on the HAC Committee until such time that the Mayor and City Council appoints her to the HAC officially. With no further discussion, all members of the committee approved the change in the City of Ketchikan's HAC membership.

5. Approval of Minutes:

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

6. Old Business:

No old business noted.

7. New Business:

a. Overview of Function and Duties of HAC for Public

Chair, Simpson shared with all present a summary of what HAC is, stating: HAC is charged with providing oversight of the multi-year lease agreement and a forum for open communication and collaboration between PeaceHealth, city officials, and the public. HAC does this by evaluating all public feedback, reviewing PeaceHealth performance matrix and capital projects. HAC does NOT provide oversight on internal matters regarding employee relations or level of care. HAC consists of 3 members from the City of Ketchikan and 3 members from PeaceHealth. The committee meets quarterly on the 4th Thursday at 9am in the City Council chambers. All information relating to HAC can be found on the city website.

b. Annual Review/Update of Partnership Report Card

Vice Chair Dori Stevens' presented the FY23 Report Card. She reviewed core services, visiting physician services, provider recruitment and retention, billing and collections, community benefit and charity care, patient experience, clinical quality and FY23 operating results.

c. Update on Same Day Clinic – opened October 3, 2023

Vice Chair Dori Stevens reported the successful opening of the Same Day Clinic. The clinic provides regular, after-hours care for urgent non-life-threatening conditions as an alternative to visiting the emergency department. The clinic is fully staffed and in the first two weeks since opening has seen, on average, 35 patients each week with 50% of those patients having no prior history with PeaceHealth. Initial patient volume is better than expected.

d. Update on Emergency Department Remodel

Vice Chair Stevens provided an update on the emergency department remodeling project. She advised the funding for the new CT scanner has been completed and progress is moving into the second phase of the three-phase remodel plan. 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.

PeaceHealth committee member Scott Smith noted the hospital must be very careful in the phasing of the remodel. There are many factors involved with successful completion of this project and they must take precautions to ensure operations continue running during throughout all phases of construction.

e. Mobile Integrated Health Program

Guest Speaker: Lisa DeLaet, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition/City of Ketchikan

Mrs. DeLaet presented the development of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) pilot program to the committee. The planned 1-year pilot intended to be operational in 2024 will establish an integrated team to provide physical and behavioral health care to persons with non-emergent needs including mental health crises. The team will be employed by the Ketchikan Fire Department and will consist of 2 paramedics who will respond to calls. Review of local data shows that as many as 30% of calls currently coming in through KPD dispatch and EMT services, could be handled through MIH.

She informed the committee that the startup cost is \$600,000 with \$400,000 obtained through grants, pending final stages of approval. There is an additional \$100,000 in funding available through PeaceHealth Community Collaborations Committee already earmarked for this project. The remaining start up funds to be obtained through other local contributions.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- 1. Future Report Card Delivery (currently semi-annual)

Chair Simpson asked the committee to email any additional future agenda items to her directly prior to the next HAC meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Healthcare Advisory Committee, Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m. The next meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, and available via WebEx invitation.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lori Medvid, Executive Assistant
PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center