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WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
DESCHUTES RIM HEALTH CLINIC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Farris, Ashley Biesenthal, Allison Bechtol
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
DRHC: Lindsay Roper
GUESTS: Medy Gantz, Sue Knapp, Kathy Kelsey, Melissa Napoli, Jon Helquist, Erin Crammer, Phil Brady County Commissioner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session was called to order at 5:12 pm by the Chair, David Farris

II. FUTURE GOALS AND ALTERNATIVES

A. FINANCIAL DEEP DIVE: David shared a Proforma Spreadsheet that shows our expected income/expenses on a monthly basis and projects them forward. Phil Brady shared his conversation with Jenny Anglin, Executive Director of the Columbia Gorge Health Council. She advised that if we were to apply for grant funds for a specific position, that would be most advisable. Rather than requesting funds for operating expenses.

B. POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: Sue Knapp presented a document listing current and potential grants. The current, active grant is HRSA. It has $249,705.70 approved funds still available. Most recently, she submitted an invoice for $10K. Since Sue is no longer a member of the DRHC Board, she asked that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed, giving her authority to continue as the Project Administrator of the HRSA funds. The MOU will also include specifics on her responsibilities and timeline for the completion of each of her responsibilities. MOU should also project a timeline of when we might expect to receive funds. Sue will draft the MOU for the Boards approval at the next meeting.

C. STAFFING: Discussion focused on potential staffing needs and salaries. This will be used to help with budget projections in the Proforma.

Dr. Anslinger has requested that the Board develop benchmarks/deadlines as to what the "plan" is going forward. She reminded us that should the clinic close, patients need time to transfer care. We have given her our assurance that we are working on this and agreed that benchmarks/deadlines are absolutely necessary.

Discussion turned to the need to identify what we see as the long-term vision for the Clinic.

D. POTENTIAL PARNTERING OPTIONS: David is working to identify and connect with other clinics and health systems to open conversation about partnership opportunities.

E. MAY 2025 OPTION LEVY: David shared that several people he has talked with suggest we hire a professional to assist us with our preparation/planning for the option levy. It was the full conscious of the Board that we are not in favor of this approach. The Town Hall approach from last time, and/or holding Listening Sessions is a much-preferred approach. It was agreed that we need to do some very focused campaign planning beginning in early January to figure out our campaign strategy. It is suggested that we focus on finding Advocates. Board members will work on this. Phil knows of several people that would be good to help us develop a campaign timeline.

Other thoughts: Anything we can do to work more with the local ambulance? Are we doing everything we can to provide care to the assisted living folks?

III. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION: David Farris, Board Chair, adjourned December 10, 2024, Work Session at 7:02 PM.

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ATTESTATION:

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David Farris, Board Chair

Signed by:
Allison Bechtol
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Allison Bechtol, Board Secretary