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WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
DESCHUTES RIM HEALTH CLINIC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 13, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Farris, Allison Bechtol, Ashley Biesenthal
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT BY PRIOR NOTICE: Melissa Napoli
DRHC: Lindsay Roper
GUESTS: Medy & Tom Gantz, Sue Knapp, June Rickman, Shelby Dumire, Jon Helquist, Rod Woodside

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by the Chair, David Farris

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from February 26, 2025, Special Board Meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections, David Farris moved to approve the February 26,2025 minutes. Allison Bechtol seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Approve January 2025 Financials: Allison Bechtol moved to approve the January 2025 Financials. David Farris seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
B. LGIP Account Statement: Lindsay shared that we currently have about $4,200 left in the LGIP account. There will be some additional tax funds trickling in but nothing significant. This is informational only

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. May Option Levy Campaign
    1. Survey Results: David shared that we have had about 90 responses. More than half indicated they will vote YES on option levy in May. About 20 said no and the rest were undecided or didn't answer. Many stated that there is a high need for a local clinic in our communities. That many people can't or don't want to travel elsewhere. People noted that they have seen positive changes occurring, can access appointments easily and they love the providers! Concerns noted were mostly the need for providers to be in clinic more days of the week. David has made calls to those that requested outreach.
    2. Website Update in Support of Option Levy Plan: Melissa, Allison and Lindsay will work on website to split the landing page to include all things "option levy"
    3. Town Halls/Advisory Groups:
        - Targeting late April and early May for townhall gatherings. Also do some less formal gatherings in local establishments…"join us for a coffee". This is TBD.
        - Allison volunteered to work on soliciting volunteers/advocates to help with outreach/posts/interviews and letters of support.

    Sue brought up that the latest AARP newsletter has an article titled "Where Have All The Providers Gone?" that talks about the national shortage of providers and the crisis we are in. Our community needs to hear this and understand that it's not just our clinic, it's everywhere.

B. Medical Assistant: Position Description and Posting: David has sent the job description off to Worksouce Oregon to review. He has also visited with the head of the MA training program at PCC. Allison will send him the contact info for like contact at CGCC. He also spoke to a temp agency that could provide an MA. It was the Boards opinion that we should not go this route at this time because of the cost. We will be posting the position on FB and our website in addition to other platforms. This will be a part-time position. Ashley may know someone local who may be interested. All are encouraged to apply.
    Shelby and Lindsay will talk to see if we can set up days that Shelby can draw blood.
C. Update on Funding Opportunities (solar companies): nothing new
D. Update on Partnership Opportunities: nothing new
E. Update on Grants:
    1. Columbia Gorge Health Council: They are offering us $100K contingent on the hiring of a provider. When we find a provider, they will cut the check.

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2. City of Maupin: Lindsay reported that we received $750K from the City of Maupin.
3. Central Oregon Health Quality Association (COHQA): David is working on this grant.
4. Community Partner Outreach Program & Oregon Health Authority Competitive Grant: Allison will sit in on zoom call to better understand this Request For Grant Proposal. However, we think much of this work is already being done by June Rickman, Community Health Worker.

F. Maupin Daze: The clinic will have a table. David is available to man the booth.
G. Board Member Recruitment: 5th seat still open
H. Clinic Personnel: DMD, MA, PA-C, Physician(s)
   1. Dental: Ron Selis, DMD, will be covering while we recruit for a new dentist.
   2. Medical: David has gotten a call from a PA in Spokane who has an interest in our position. He has encouraged her to apply. David will be following up again with her.
I. Foundation Update: Judy Starr has agreed to be Foundation Chair (needs Board approval) but due to a health setback, this is on hold. David will be picking up grant writing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. County Deadlines:
   a. SEL 803 due 3/20/25: David will be submitting this.
   b. SEL 190 Board Member Filing due 3/20/25:
B. Plan B: if option levy fails, what's next: Davd presented the proforma budget spreadsheet in detail. If the option levy does not pass, it appears that our money runs out in about May 2026. David stated, in his mind, we have 3 channels: 1) Option levy passes then we can hire and expand services; 2) Continue to provide the limited services we do today and try for more grants. He/we do not feel this is a sustainable path; 3) Shutter the Clinic and try to sell the building.
   The bottom-line is that if the community wants a clinic, they need to show their support and vote yes on the option levy.
C. Review and Approve Annual Board Calendar: Allison presented the proposed Board calendar. David Farris moved to approve the Calendar. Ashley Biesenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
D. Wildfire Mitigation Program (City of Maupin): On behalf of the Clinic, Allison applied to the City for this grant. The City has approved it. They will be cutting grass etc. this spring to create a defensible space around the Clinic and Building B.
E. Clinic policies: The 3 proposed policies were tabled. Several Board members volunteered to seek P&P from outside sources and send them to David. Discussion turned to pros/cons of becoming a Rural Health Clinic.

June Rickman shared that she will be holding several parent group meetings in April. She will be happy to share information about the clinic as part of her presentation. One of the Board members may attend – TBD.

VII. UPDATES

A. Clinic: Lindsay shared the Clinic Administrator Report
   1. The air compressor in the dental suit needs to be repaired. David Farris moved to get the air compressor fixed. Ashley Biesenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Board: none

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS: None

IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

X. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: David Farris, Board Chair, adjourned March 13 ,2025 Regular Board Meeting at 6:23 PM.

ATTESTATION:

Signed by: Dr. David Farris 5197B56C44D9455...

David Farris, Board Chair

Signed by: Allison J Bechtol 0104E7B956BE4EC...

Allison Bechtol, Board Secretary

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