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WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
DESCHUTES RIM HEALTH CLINIC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026, MEETING MINUTES
1605 GEORGE JACKSON RD.
PO BOX 219, MAUPIN OR 97037
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BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Farris, Ashley Biesenthal, Allison Bechtol
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
DRHC: Lindsay Roper Clinic Administrator, Jennifer Lombardi, FNP
GUESTS: Aimee Hovis, Katie Veeninga, Medy and Tom Gantz, Lisa Gambee

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by the Chair, David Farris

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from July 29, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and the August 11, 2026, Special meeting were reviewed.
B. Financials from July 2026 were reviewed.
Allison Bechtol moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ashley Biesenthal seconded.
David Farris: aye
Ashley Biesenthal: aye
Allison Bechtol: aye
All in favor, motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve New Board Members and Administer Oath of Office:
Allison Bechtol moved to approve the new board members. Ashley Biesenthal seconded. All ayes. motion carried. Katie Veeninga and Amy Hovis were sworn in, bringing the board to five members.
David Farris: aye
Ashley Biesenthal: aye
Allison Bechtol: aye
All in favor, motion carried

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recruitment of Providers/Staff:
1. Dentist: We have a potential dental candidate. This will be discussed in Executive Session.
2. Hygienist services: The board will pursue our current Hygienist's availability for one Monday per month independently of the dentist decision.
3. Medical Assistant position is posted, and we have received several applications.
4. Chiropractor: nothing new

B. Update on Foundation and Grants: Capital campaign: $100,000 has been received, with another $100,000 promised pending due diligence. A federal loan guarantee program is being explored. $10,000 has been received from Bright Night, and $12,000 is expected from Avangrid. A $100,000 county loan is available if needed.
C. Building B Use by Community Partners Update: June (community health worker) compiling list of ~5 agencies interested in renting space; state rural infrastructure grant being explored for renovation.
D. Outsourcing Billing and Coding: Lindsay will research Hudson Medical and COIPA and report back within two weeks.
E. 24 Hour Nurse Line Option: Access Nurse has been selected, with paperwork and weekly implementation meetings underway.
F. Sports Physicals: 9 completed; 3 converted to well-child checks; coaches identified as key outreach channel. Jenifer and Lindsay will reach out to coaches.
G. Inhouse Pharmacy Dispensing Update: Pending finalization of Dr. Maile's medical director contract. Ashley will review the terms of the contract and David will work with Maile

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H. Marketing Plan Update:
1. Podcast: Jennifer scheduled for August 27 on Columbia Community Connection News. She will also meet with Mimi the Medical Assistant Instructor at Columbia Gorge Community College.
2. Facebook/Instagram: Katie volunteered to help resolve the issue with ownership of clinics Facebook page.
3. Banners: Fair banner deferred to next year due to cancelation of fair; $250 returned to marketing budget

I. Meeting schedule: Future board meetings will be held at 4:30 PM (GMT-7:00) on the fourth Thursday of each month.

VI. UPDATES:
1. Clinic operations: Lindsay applied to RHC cohort education
2. NHSC site approval has been completed
3. VFC participation was granted with exception. We will not be required to carry stock for privately insured patients. A medical-grade freezer is needed. Lindsay will research.
4. Purchasing computer equipment: Lindsay is still reviewing needs and prior proposal. Katie and Ashley offered to review computer equipment recommendations.

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VII. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VIII. CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION: The public meeting was closed at 6:10 pm and Executive Session was opened. Per ORS 192.660(2)(a) and 192.660(7) – "To consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member, or agent, and matters of employment." ***(This meeting is closed to the public)***

IX. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING David Farris, Board Chair, reopened the meeting to the public at 6:55. pm.

A. Decisions(s) subsequent to Executive Session: Board consensus to delay hiring dentist while current operations and finances stabilize.

X. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: David Farris, Chair, adjourned the July 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 6:56 pm.

ATTESTATION: Signed by: David Farris 5197B58C44B9455...

David Farris, Board Chair

Signed by: Allison Bechtol 9104B7B0968E4EC...

Allison Bechtol, Board Secretary