

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Special Scheduled Meeting/Work Session
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Bill Williams - Chair
Commissioner Monica Harrington
Commissioner Mark Schwinge
Commissioner Barbara Sharp

Others Present:

Pamela Hutchins
Superintendent, SJCPHD #1

By Phone: Commissioner Michael Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Mark Schwinge

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION BUSINESS

A presentation by SJIEMS Chief Jerry Martin, was given to present information about the Community Paramedicine Program, and how it would benefit the residents and visitors of San Juan Island. The San Juan Island EMS goals for the program are to be able to serve our vulnerable and unempowered, have specified response to health care gaps in our individual communities, have a service to increase continuity of care between providers, and a have a service designed for health care cost reduction. Another name for this program is Integrated Mobile Health.

A rural community has more elderly, more immigrants, more poverty, and poorer health than an urban community. It also has a lot of high risk patients. The Community Paramedic program is an expanded role program which assesses and identifies gaps between community needs and services. It will help improve quality of life/health in our community. The program can create a "health home" for citizens, and be the eyes, ears, and voice of the community.

The program would use EMTs/Paramedics already that know how to deliver care locally. They can assess resources and make decisions. They can fill gaps in care with enhanced skills through targeted training. The program would expand

services of primary care, emergency care, public health, disease management, prevention, wellness, and mental health. The program can identify what is available and what is missing in our community.

SJIEMS has been providing a degree of Community Paramedicine for years by programs such as car seats, Every 15 Minutes, fall prevention, and blood pressure checks at the senior center and other locations. A task force of EMS Providers and Stakeholders has been formed.

Community Paramedic programs are recognized by state and federal government to be feasible, reasonable, and in line with recommendations for innovation.

Community Paramedic programs deliver a better level of care to the end-user in that they avoid costly and unnecessary trips to the ED.

Community Paramedic programs are tailored to individual communities, they are scalable and adaptable to a variety of situations and needs.

Community Paramedic programs do not replace home health care or social service programs, but rather augment those services by connecting clients that might not previously been identified.

Community Paramedicine is one of several programs being considered for a portion of the \$50,000 returned to San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 by the Third Amendment to the Subsidy Agreement between PeaceHealth and San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1. *See Exhibit A.*

SJIEMS Chief Jerry Martin thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to present information about the Community Paramedicine Program to them.

A presentation by Cynthia Stark-Wickman, M.Ed., CPP, Executive Coordinator San Juan Island Prevention Coalition, Prevention Coordinator San Juan County Health and Community Services, was given to introduce and acquaint the PHD Commissioners to the coalition and its contributions to community change. The presentation was also meant to review the continuous improvement process that SJIPC uses to create community change that supports their mission to prevent, and reduce substance abuse. The presentation also highlighted the "Strengthening Families program 10-14, and its benefit to the community. *See Exhibit B.*

The San Juan Island Prevention Coalition has been on the island for thirteen years. It offers the "Strengthening Family Programs" to parents as well as children at no cost to the families. The program accommodates about ten families at a time for a cost of about \$10,000 a session. These sessions really make a difference in the families' lives. The program is given in English and Spanish.

Statistics are monitored as youth move through Middle School and High School on other substance abuse issues, such as alcohol use, tobacco use, marijuana use, and other drug use. These statistics are then used to offer the needed programs related to those statistics here on our island. The work that the coalition does makes a difference to our youth and the addictions they can find themselves involved in.

Cynthia Stark-Wickman thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to come and present this information to them. The organizations' Board of Trustees and Executive Board has been changing, and this allowed what the organization does to be spread further throughout the community.

San Juan Island Prevention Coalition is another program being considered for a portion of the \$50,000 returned to San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 by the Third Amendment to the Subsidy Agreement between PeaceHealth and San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: At the regular scheduled board meeting on April 26, 2017, by a 3-2 majority, commissioners voted not to take audience comments at upcoming special meeting/work sessions held before the next regular scheduled board meeting on May 24, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Commissioner Chair Williams concluded the meeting's business.
Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.**

ALL EXHIBITS AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Bill Will

5/24/17

Signed by Chairperson

Date

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Attest: Pamela Hutchins, Recording Secretary