



KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

City of Visalia – City Council Chambers
707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA

Wednesday May 22, 2024 {Regular Meeting}

OPEN MEETING AGENDA {4:00PM}

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time. For those who are unable to attend the beginning of the Board meeting during the public participation segment but would like to address the Board, please contact the Board Clerk (Kelsie Davis 559-624-2330) or kedavis@kaweahhealth.org to make arrangements to address the Board.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA – 4:01PM**
 - 4.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2).
Ben Cripps, Chief Compliance & Risk Officer and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel
 - 4.2. QUALITY ASSURANCE** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.
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 - 4.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2).
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 - 4.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).

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Stanger v Visalia Medical Center Case # VCU284760
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Zamudio v KDHCDC Case # 302284
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- 4.5. **CREDENTIALING** - Medical Executive Committee (MEC) requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials committee and the MEC be reviewed for approval pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1461 and 32155.

Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff

- 4.6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.

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- 4.7. **APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES** –April 24, 2024.

Public Participation – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

Action Requested – Approval of the May 22, 2024, closed meeting agenda.

5. ADJOURN

CLOSED MEETING AGENDA {4:01PM}

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7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.

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8. **APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES** –April 24, 2024.
Public Participation – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

Action Requested – Approval of the April 24, 2024, closed minutes.

9. **ADJOURN**

OPEN MEETING AGENDA {5:00PM}

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time. For those who are unable to attend the beginning of the Board meeting during the public participation segment but would like to address the Board, please contact the Board Clerk (Kelsie Davis 559-624-2330) or kedavis@kawahhealth.org to make arrangements to address the Board.
4. **CLOSED SESSION ACTION TAKEN** – Report on action(s) taken in closed session.
5. **OPEN MINUTES** – Request approval of the April 24, 2024, open minutes.
Public Participation – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.
Action Requested – Approval of the April 24, 2024, open minutes.
6. **RECOGNITIONS**
 - 6.1. Presentation of **Resolution 2228 to Amanda Munoz**, in recognition as the Kaweah Health World Class Employee of the month – May 2024 – *Director Levitan*
7. **CREDENTIALS** - Medical Executive Committee requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials committee and the Medical Executive Committee be reviewed for approval.

Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff

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Action Requested – Approval of the May 22, 2024, medical staff credentials report.

8. **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT** – Report relative to current Medical Staff events and issues.

Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion, unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.

Public Participation – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

Action Requested – Approval of the May 22, 2024, Consent Calendar

9.1. REPORTS

- A. [Physician Recruitment](#)
- B. [Strategic Plan](#)
- C. [Throughput](#)
- D. [Compliance Quarterly Report](#)
- E. Other Professional Service Reports:
 - E.1. [Outpatient Lab and Pathology](#)
 - E.2. [Sequoia Surgery Center](#)
 - E.3. [Orthopedics](#)

9.2. RESOLUTIONS

- A. [Resolution 2229](#) to Cheryl Clark in recognition of her 25 years of service and retirement.

9.3. CLAIMS

- A. Rejection of Claim – [Michaela Negrete v. Kaweah Health](#)
- B. Rejection of Claim – [Jennifer Smithson v. Kaweah Health](#)
- C. Rejection of Claim – [Roger Leroy Smithson Jr., v Kaweah Health](#)

9.4. POLICIES

- A. Administrative Policies
 - A.2. [AP. 134](#) Expenses Reimbursed by Foundation Restricted Funds- Reviewed
 - A.3. [AP. 148](#) Grants Policy – Revised
- B. Board Policies
 - B.4. [BOD 4](#) Executive Compensation – Revised
 - B.5. [BOD 5](#) Conflict of Interest – Revised

B.6. [BOD 6](#) Board Reimbursement or Travel and Service Clubs- Revised

B.7. [BOD 7](#) Presentation of Claims and Service Process – Revised

9.5. MEC

A. Privilege Form Revision – [Radiology](#)

B. Privilege Form Revision - [Gastroenterology](#)

10. [SURGICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM](#) – A review of key quality outcome and complication measures and associated action plans for the surgical populations. Christine Aleman, MSN, RN, Director of Cardiac & Surgical Services, Kyle Ota, Medical Director of Surgical Quality

11. [STRATEGIC PLAN – STRATEGIC GROWTH & INNOVATION](#) – Detailed review of Strategic Plan Initiative.

Ryan Gates, Chief Population Health Officer and JC Palermo, Director of Physician Recruitment

12. [FINANCIALS](#) – Review of the most current fiscal year financial results.

Malinda Tupper – Chief Financial Officer

13. REPORTS

13.1. [Chief Executive Officer Report](#) - Report on current events and issues.

Gary Herbst, Chief Executive Officer

13.2. [Board President](#) - Report on current events and issues.

Mike Olmos, Board President

CLOSED MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. [CEO EVALUATION](#) – Discussion with the Board and the Chief Executive Officer relative to the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)(1).

Gary Herbst, CEO. Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel & Board of Directors

3. ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate at this meeting, please contact the Board Clerk (559) 624-2330. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors meeting.

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