

**BAY AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD
EDUCATION SESSION MINUTES****March 12, 2024***Bay Area Hospital Spruce Fir Conference Room/TEAMS Hybrid @ 5:30 pm***CALL TO ORDER**

Troy Cribbins, Board Chairperson, called the Bay Area Hospital (BAH) District Board Education Session to order at 5:31 pm.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Chairperson Troy Cribbins; Patrice Parrott; Carma Erickson-Hurt; Barbara Taylor; Dr. Tom McAndrew

ABSENT**STAFF ATTENDANCE**

Brian Moore, CEO; Jennifer Collins, CNO; Kelli Dion, CQO; Dr. Lee Saltzgeber, CMO; Mary Lou Tate, CFO; Calvin Thomas, interim COO; Kim Winker, Marketing Director; Denise Bowers, EA

LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Kronsteiner, Esq. not present.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

None

Mr. Brian Moore provided a detailed update on Oregon's 2024 legislative session relevant to the healthcare industry, particularly focusing on Oregon. Here's a summary of the key points:

Legislative Updates from SDAO Conference:

- HB 4139: This bill, which aimed to alter the Certificate of Need, was killed during the session.
- HB 4089: Intended to expand financial reporting requirements for hospitals, this bill included onerous provisions such as minimum wage for on-call duties and predictive scheduling for nurse staffing. It died in session but may resurface in the future.
- Discussions were held and questions were answered regarding these legislative updates.

Financial Distribution and Challenges:

- \$904,000 was distributed to Oregon for educating guardians advocating for patients.
- \$92 million in Dish 3 funding was allocated for providers serving low-income patients. However, there are challenges with the state's estimation of funds received from CMS, resulting in a repayment obligation of \$3 million. Efforts are being made to communicate with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) leadership to resolve this issue without causing harm to other hospitals.

Collaboration with Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO):

- Collaboration with HAO has resulted in a seat at the table for discussions on legislative matters.
- HB 4130, which initially posed a threat by potentially prohibiting hospitals from employing physicians, was addressed with amendments, leading to its demise. Active participation in discussions ensured substantive changes beneficial to the industry.

Changes to ORS 192.620:

Mr. Moore mentioned changes to ORS 192.620, which pertains to defining meetings and quorums for public bodies.

HB 2805 is highlighted concerning the convening of governing bodies requiring a quorum for decision-making or deliberations on any matter.

As of January 1, 2024

- members of governing bodies whose organization spends \$1M per fiscal year, members are required to attend in person, virtual public meeting training approved by Oregon Government of Ethics Commission; once per term of office. While the SDAO has a curriculum to be approved, there is not yet any approved training being offered;
- Using serial electronic communication (texts, email, social media, ect.) contemporaneously among participants;
- Using an intermediary to communicate to the board absent of direct contact while deliberating on a decision is now prohibited as of January 1, 2024.
- Public meeting law oversight has expanded beyond the executive session and now encompasses all public meetings; including the public noticing requirements, which can be grieved with us and involve the Ethics Commission; transparency must be preserved in public meetings;
- There is a grievance process with a 30-day statute of limitations; and if grieved, we must respond within 21 days, and follow the **denied/admitted - acknowledge; and corrected** structure of response.

There was a robust discussion on the changes in law on procedure with basis in HB2805, with questions being asked and answered. Overall, the update indicates ongoing engagement with legislative processes, financial challenges, and efforts toward collaboration and advocacy within the healthcare industry in Oregon.


Mr. Moore has sent all this information to our general legal counsel for clarity to ensure the board has the clearest legal guidance in governance. The follow-up will be to discuss the format and delivery of board member training once approved training is available.


GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairperson Cribbins asked the board to text or email him any requests for Education Session future topics for discussion and including on agendas for the meeting; a request was made for a return to a formal agenda for the Education Session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As the District Board Education Session meeting was at time, it was adjourned at 6:02 pm.


Troy Cribbins, Board Chairperson


Patrice Parrott, Secretary

Date: 4/9/24