

**BAY AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD
Open House Community Forum**

February 18, 2025

Bay Area Hospital Main Lobby/TEAMS Hybrid @ 4:00 pm

Mr. Brian Moore opened the forum at 4:03 pm, welcoming the over 100 members of the public in attendance, including 5 people on a Teams call set up at Table #1.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Chairperson Troy Cribbins; Patrice Parrott; Barbara Taylor; Dr. Tom McAndrew; Renee Nelson

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Brian Moore, CEO; Jennifer Collins, CNO; Kelli Dion, CQO; Denton Gruzensky, interim CHRO; Gretchen Nichols, COO; Lee Saltzgaber, MD, CMO; Mary Lou Tate, CFO; Kim Winker, Marketing & Communications Director

LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Kronsteiner, Esq. was present as timekeeper and legal advisor.

There were 5 tables in the lobby with topics as below. The timer went off every 20 minutes, and people were given the opportunity to move to a different table and topic.

Table 1

Open Questions

Miscellaneous Topics

Table hosted by Jennifer Collins, Lee Saltzgaber and Tom McAndrew

Top Key Messages:

1. **Transparency** is a priority.
2. We welcome and value your **questions** and **feedback**.
3. We're here to provide accurate, **fact-based information** about our future.

Table 2

Workforce – Active and Prior

Retirement & Pension Plans, Job Retention, Job Changes

Table hosted by Denton Gruzensky and Barb Taylor

Top Key Messages:

1. Our staff's **job security** and **well-being** remain a top priority.
2. We are committed to **preserving** and **strengthening** our workforce.
3. We aim to provide **long-term stability** and **growth** for our employees.

Table 3**Quality and Service of Care***Local Care, Charity Care, Quality of Care, Star Rating*

Table hosted by Kelli Dion and Patrice Parrot

Top Key Messages:

1. We are working to maintain high-quality, compassionate **care close to home**.
2. A potential partnership could help improve our **service standards** and **patient outcomes**.
3. We need a partner to help us make **capital investments** and **upgrades** to the hospital.

Table 4**Who is Quorum Health?***History, Local Governance, Tax Paying status*

Table hosted by Gretchen Nichols and Renee Nelson

Top Key Messages:

1. Quorum Health shares our commitment to **quality care** and **local governance**.
2. They're here to **invest in our future**, not to dismantle our services.
3. They have experience turning challenges into **opportunities**.
4. Their success at **McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center** demonstrates their capability to enhance care.

Table 5**Decision-Making***Fiscal Responsibility, Local Healthcare Option, Legislative Support, Tax Levy Exploration*


Table hosted by Brian Moore, Mary Lou Tate and Troy Cribbins

Top Key Messages:

1. Our board has left **no stone unturned** in evaluating our options. Our decisions are based on **careful, responsible analysis**.
2. We are committed to making smart decisions based on the **financial realities** we face.
3. We **cannot afford to restart** the exploration process. Delaying action puts Bay Area Hospital at even greater risk, and it would be irresponsible.
4. The health care landscape in the U.S. has **changed dramatically**. You cannot compare what is happening today to when we were founded or even a few years ago.
5. Our focus is on ensuring a **sustainable future** for Bay Area Hospital. Every choice is made with the needs of our community at heart.

ADJOURNMENT

The forums concluded at 6:05 pm.


Troy Cribbins, Board Chairperson 03/11/2025
Patrice Parrott, Secretary