

**BAY AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD
EDUCATION SESSION MINUTES**

March 11, 2025

Bay Area Hospital Spruce Fir Conference Room/TEAMS Hybrid @ 5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tom McAndrew, Acting Board Chairperson, called the Bay Area Hospital (BAH) District Board Education Session to order at 5:30 pm.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Dr. Tom McAndrew; Patrice Parrott; Barbara Taylor; Darin O'Bryan, DDS

ABSENT

Troy Cribbins (*excused*)

Renee Nelson (*excused*)

STAFF ATTENDANCE

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

LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Kronsteiner, Esq. not present.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

The members of the public were in attendance in person.

GUEST PRESENTERS

Greg Lemhouse, Lobbyist, US Strategies

Carrie Reed, Lobbyist, US Strategies

Dr. McAndrew ceded the floor to Mr. Moore, who introduced Mr. Greg Lemhouse and Ms. Carrie Reed, both lobbyists from US Strategies that he has hired to work on behalf of the Bay Area Hospital District on current legislative matters.

Mr. Lemhouse reported that he and Ms. Reed have been busy the past two weeks working and the legislative session is already setting records with over 3,300 bills being submitted. He and Ms. Reed will be tracking what is going on in Coos County, with bills impacting the healthcare industry and Sen. David Brock Smith's SB 1000 bill requesting \$10M in emergency funding for Bay Area Hospital. They will both be working collaboratively with legislators, to educate and influence them regarding our unique needs and challenges. He reports that they are gaining momentum and having good meetings with people already. Ms. Reed explained the process and pathway of a bill in legislation for the benefit of the board.

Mr. Lemhouse and Ms. Reed covered the current landscape of the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session, an overview of US Strategies representation and day-to-day engagement at the capital on behalf of Bay Area Hospital. Also

highlighted was specific outreach they have done with legislators, committee staff and agency contracts on our behalf. They have also emphasized coordination with partners such as Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO) and other regional stakeholders to strengthen advocacy outcomes.

Finally, a status update was given on SB 1000 with detail provided on policy content, and feedback from legislative stakeholders. The strategic plan for advancing the bill includes direct engagement with key legislative decision makers; messaging and communications support and collaboration with health system partners.

Key takeaways of the session are as follows:

- The 2025 legislative session is moving quickly, with many proposals affecting healthcare delivery and operations;
- United Strategies is actively working to promote and protect the interests of Bay Area Hospital across multiple policy fronts;
- SB 1000 remains a central focus, and we are executing a coordinated strategy to move it forward successfully;
- Continued alignment with the Board and leadership will be essential as we enter the critical second half of the session.

ADJOURNMENT

As the District Board Education Session meeting was at time, it was adjourned at 5:59 pm.


Troy Cribbins, Board Chairperson

Date: _____


Patrice Parrott, Secretary

Date: 04/08/2025