

**Jefferson County Public Hospital District No.2**  
**Board of Commissioners, Special Session Minutes**  
**Legislative Visit**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**  
**415 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504**  
**Room 212, John A. Cherberg Building**  
**Room 132B Legislative Building**

Commissioner Buhler called the meeting to order at 10:30 am Commissioners Buhler, DeLeo, Dressler and Kolff, accompanied by CEO Mike Glenn met Dunia Faulx, Population Health Coordinator and Jenn Wharton, Executive Director Medical Group and were joined by Chris Bandoli, WSHA Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Government Affairs, and Len McComb, WSHA contract lobbyist, to plan and prepare for meetings with District 24 Legislators, in the Pritchard Building Cafeteria, 415 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504.

Commissioners Buhler, De Leo, Kolff, Dressler along with Mike Glenn, Dunia Faulx, and Jenn Wharton recessed at 11:30am to travel to the John A. Cherberg Building to meet with Senator Van De Wege and Representative Tharinger.

Commissioners Buhler, De Leo, Kolff, Dressler along with Mike Glenn, Dunia Faulx, and Jenn Wharton reconvened the meeting at 11.45am, in Room 212, John A. Cherberg Building, Commissioners Buhler, DeLeo, Dressler and Kolff accompanied by Mike Glenn, Dunia Faulx and Jenn Wharton met with Senator Kevin Van De Wege and Representative Steve Tharinger. Mike Glenn provided a brief update of service expansions since the opening the ESS building and efforts to keep up with healthcare demands of our (aging) community in our economically distressed county. Noting that Jefferson Healthcare employs most of the medical providers in East Jefferson County and Jefferson Healthcare has now assumed the leadership position in the important discussions like the expansion of dental services, behavioral health services and transitional housing facilities. He also expressed concern about our ability to advance the improvements and expansion which our community deserves due to the instability and possible disruption of the Affordable Care Act.

Our six most important legislative issues were discussed.

1. Preserve access to healthcare and health coverage for Washingtonians.
2. Maintain hospital system financial stability and fund essential services in small rural hospitals as hospitals transition to new value based payment models.
3. Improve the mental health system.
4. Provide tools to combat opioid overuse by enhancing the prescription monitoring system.
5. Support innovative care models by expanding telemedicine.
6. Include dental services as a cost based service in Rural Health Clinics.

We asked that financial assistance be included in the upcoming state budget to support our efforts in providing both dental and behavioral health services.

Meeting recessed at 12.01pm to allow Commissioners, CEO and staff to relocate to Room 132B Legislative Building for the 12.30pm meeting with Representative Mike Chapman.

Following introductions, Mr. Glenn gave an overview of our healthcare system, and service expansions (as in the earlier meeting); the above listed legislative issues were also discussed with Representative Chapman, together with the same request for financial support for dental and behavioral health services in the state budget.

Meeting concluded at 12.47 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Marie Dressler, Board Secretary

Approved by the Commission:

President of Commission: Jill Buhler \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of Commission: Marie Dressler \_\_\_\_\_