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AGENDA COVER MEMO

Date: January 7, 2004
To: Board of County Commissioners
Department: Health & Human Services
Presented by: Rob Rockstroh



Agenda Title: **IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING MEDICAL STAFF OF THE LANE COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND GRANTING THEM PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A**

I. MOTION

TO APPOINT MEDICAL STAFF OF THE LANE COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND GRANT THEM PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Lane County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the Lane County Psychiatric Hospital (LCPH) must appoint physicians to the medical staff and grant them privileges.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

The Lane County Commissioners are the Board of Directors for the LCPH. In that capacity, the Commissioners have the responsibility of appointing the physicians. The County has contracted with PeaceHealth to operate the LCPH. Part of PeaceHealth's function is to seek out sufficient psychiatrists and physicians as are necessary and desirable to support the operations of LCPH, and to give advice and recommendations to the County as to the training, education, experience, qualifications, professional liability coverage and background concerning the County's granting, limiting, restricting or terminating privileges with the doctors.

The Medical Staff Bylaws, proposed by the doctors and approved by the County after receiving advice from PeaceHealth, establish a variety of levels of medical staff, specifically, attending (regularly admit and attend patients), consulting (consulted for specific problems in their specialty area; do not regularly attend patients), and affiliate (serve as alternates for the attending staff). There are four categories of privileges, Categories I through IV. The categories range from a level of limited training and infrequent use of the LCPH (Category I), through practitioners with an approved specialty who care for the most critically ill (Category IV).

Appointments to the medical staff can be of a temporary nature, or for a two-year initial appointment or reappointment.

PeaceHealth, in its capacity as operator of LCPH, has sent to the Board of Commissioners recommendations of physicians for medical staff appointments at LCPH. Those physicians are listed in Exhibit A along with the type and categories of appointment sought, the recommendations for appointment by the LCPH medical director and the administrator, and supporting information on each physician.

The confidential material for the Board's Executive Session, including resumes for the physicians seeking appointment, has been sent to the Commissioners, under separate cover.

An Executive Session has been scheduled for January 7, 2004 to give the Board of Commissioners and Dr. Paul Helms, Medical Director of LCPH an opportunity to meet and discuss the credentials of the physicians recommended for appointment to the medical staff of the LCPH. ORS 192.660(1)(c) permits an Executive Session to "consider matters pertaining to the function of the medical staff of a public hospital licensed pursuant to [ORS ch.441] including, but not limited to, all clinical committees, executive, credentials... and all other matters relating to medical competency in the hospital." The Board has received packets containing the confidential personal information related to the credentials of the individuals seeking appointment to the medical staff. The Executive Session will be the time and place to raise any questions regarding that information.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To appoint medical staff of LCPH and grant them physician privileges as listed in Exhibit A
2. Not to approve some or all of the physicians for medical staff. Under this option, the staff at Health & Human Services and PeaceHealth would seek Board guidance on re-submission of any rejected physician appointments

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION / TIMING

Upon the Board's appointment and signature of appointment document by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the listed physicians will receive or continue their medical staff privileges at the LCPH.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – List of physicians, detailing type of appointment, along with recommendations for approval by the LCPH medical director and administrator.

Board Order

EXHIBIT A

The following physicians are recommended for a two-year appointment with staff privileges as indicated.

Consulting Staff Category II

Richard Abraham, M.D.
Ann Bowers, M.D.
Benjamin J. Bronicel, M.D.
Desmond A. Crooks, M.D.
Lee W. Davidson, M.D.
John J. Kaib, M.D.
Richard J. Lindquist, M.D.
John A. Mackey, M.D.
Alexander K. Morley III, M.D.
Marc B. Schnapper, M.D.
Denise G. Waugh, M.D.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION)
AND ORDER:)
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WHEREAS, Lane County has approved entering into a contract with PeaceHealth to manage and operate the Lane County Psychiatric Hospital (LCPH) (Board Order No. 03-06-18-2); and

WHEREAS, PeaceHealth is charged with the responsibility of advising the County on and recommending the appointment of medical staff and granting of privileges thereto; and

WHEREAS, the medical director and administrator of LCPH have reviewed the credentials of the physicians (listed in Exhibit A) and find they are in good order, have advised and recommended to the County that these physicians be appointed to the medical staff for the LCPH and granted privileges as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, such appointments would conform to the Medical Staff Bylaws, rules and regulations of the LCPH, as adopted by Board Order No. 88-3-9-1 and amended in Board Order No. 88-6-29-5.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners, based upon the recommendations of PeaceHealth, the medical director and administrator of the LCPH, finds that the appointment of the individuals described in the physician summary attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference, as the medical staff for the LCPH in accordance with these recommendations is appropriate and that the individual physicians as listed in Exhibit A are hereby appointed to the medical staff of the LCPH and they are hereby granted privileges as listed.

DATED this _____ day of January 2004.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 12/30/03 lane county
J. J. Sorenson
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL