

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 1-08-2020  
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 1.5 hours  
Members Present/Absent: All present  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): one citizen

### **Meeting Content:**

Election of Officers: Jeff Elbracht, President (outgoing VP)  
Tricia Grantham, Vice President (outgoing Pres)  
Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary (outgoing Sec)

### **Reports:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 Quality Management System **Clinical Outcomes:** This report looked at:  
Healthcare Associated **Infections** – Only 4 and improving; new infection prevention nurse.  
**C-Section** Rate – Increased. An ongoing issue of concern and medical observation.  
**Medication Safety** – Increased medication errors. Individual nurse monitoring implemented.

### **Finance Committee Report** through November 2019

Decline of volume in endoscopy.  
Financial improvements at Pediatrics.

### **Employee & Environmental Safety Report** for December 2019

Chlorine Gas event at Summit Therapy – Wrong chemical added to pool. Evacuation. Two employees treated for irritation to eyes and throats and discharged.  
Updates to a special room used for possible suicide risk patients.  
Influenza Campaign – Employee vaccination rate: 93%  
Security in Emergency Department Registration Area being discussed to improve staff safety there.

### **Washington State Hospital Association 2020 Legislative Agenda**

Three Principles: Ensure patient access to care.  
Ensure hospitals can be stable institutions serving their communities.  
Maintain flexibility for hospital operations while preventing burdensome and costly new regulations.

#### WSHA 2020 Priorities:

Investments and improvements to the Medicaid long-term care system to ensure patients have access to needed services after hospitalization.  
Additional investments in behavioral health, including intensive outpatient and community services to support community behavioral health.  
Improvements to the prior authorization process for patients and providers.  
Ensuring rural hospitals can deliver needed services to their communities.

### **Public Meetings of interest to League:**

**\*Board Retreat, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 12:30pm at PRH Conference Rooms C & D. Open to public.**

**Agenda: Next Era of Excellence – Considerations for Continuing Forward.**

