

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital _____ Date: 2-6-2019 _____
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone _____ Length of Meeting: ____2.5 hours__
Members Present/Absent: All present _____
Others Present (i.e., media, public): 1 member of public; 2 reporters _____

Meeting Content:

Becky Highfill, administrator of the **Hospital's Center for Learning and Innovation**, gave a report on what this Center does - which is an amazing amount of community outreach.

See: <https://pullmanregional.org/about-us/center-for-learning-innovation>

An interagency task force comprised of eight **Behavioral Health related agencies** in Pullman convened in December, 2018. Their mission is to discuss services, gaps, demand, and recruitment efforts available in this area. One specific concern mentioned was to explore offering access to Medication Assisted treatment for substance use disorder.

Also related to behavioral health is a project to assist PRH's Care Coordination Department and Pullman Family Medicine in creating an integrated physical and behavioral health service.

The Board approved Hospital District No. 1-A's **Resolution to put forward general obligation bonds in the amount of \$29,000,000** to: acquire and implement a community-wide electronic personal health record system, construct a community health facility, acquire new medical technology, and upgrade PRH along with other capital improvements. This will be at a special election in April. The public meetings listed below are meant to educate the public about these requests.

Public Meetings of interest to League:

Next Era of Excellence Education Sessions – February 22, 2019, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Conference Rooms C & D at the Hospital; and March 13, 2019, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm – same site.