

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital

Date: 2-3-2021

Observer Reporting: Judy Stone

Length of Meeting: 1.5 hours

Members Present: All

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Anthony Kuipers, MPDN; several community members

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Discussions about many impacts of the epidemic: reduced staff turnover, fewer new hires, fewer admissions and patient days, finances (e.g..Federal and State funding, salary and wage reductions).

The hospital continues to look for ways to reduce waste and duplication and increase the financial effectiveness of the Clinic Network practices.

Foundation fundraising was very successful in 2020.

Vaccination Program at PRH: Of the 7500 vaccines given in Whitman County as of 1-31-21, 1300 were given at PRH. They are currently receiving only about 100 doses/week. Wednesday and Friday clinics are scheduled into March.

Senior Living Facilities' residents and staff were completely vaccinated by 2-6-21.

Expanding District Boundaries: The hospital/commissioners are going forward with this project. Will be eliciting public input with plans to put on a November 2021 Ballot.

Public Meetings of interest to League:

PRH Gala, usually in February, will be held 9-18-21 at SEL. (*hopefully*)

Process & Protocol: Always impressive.