

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital

Date: 1/5/2022

Observer Reporting: Judy Stone

Length of Meeting: 2 hours --Zoom

Board Members Present: All by Zoom

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present (e.g., staff, other agency representatives, media, public): Hospital staff, Dept. Heads, Doctors, Nurses; some public

Business Pertaining to League Positions or Topics of Interest:

- Sheri Cutler, R.N. and IT person gave a very detailed report on the proposed adoption of a new Clinical Informatics System which will provide the long-awaited single source (EMR-electronic medical record) for patient data – one chart among all providers in the county. The cost will be in the millions. Later in the meeting a motion to purchase and implement these ‘Workday’ and ‘Epic’ software modules was approved unanimously.
- The current officers were approved for another term.
- A proposal for a *Commissioner Public Involvement project* was discussed. This will encourage commissioners to publish topics of interest to them to the public, in order to better engage with the public.
- The CCO, Jeannie Eylar, R.N. was asked how the hospital is experiencing covid right now. She said although they are seeing an increase in cases, they are not seeing an increase in hospitalizations. Clinical staff meet daily to organize staffing and patient needs. Many hospitals in the state are being about 60% staffed using traveling nurses. PRH has not had to do that as yet.

Public Meetings of interest to League:

The Foundation Gala is still expected to be on February 5, 2022 at SEL, Covid permitting.

Process & Protocol:

Was access to materials for agenda items available to you? No, only the agenda. I was told the hospital is in the process of reviewing what materials can be shared with the public.

Your additional comments/opinions *According to the data being published by the WCHD, hospitalizations have increased substantially. When I researched this I found the explanations quite confusing and somewhat conflicting. Apparently both local hospitals’ data is combined but neither hospital takes credit for assessing and/or explaining the data.*