



**Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

July 15, 2019

6:30 p.m.

KVH Family Medicine – Cle Elum

AGENDA

- I. Introductions**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 17, 2019*
- IV. Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence**
- V. Reports:**
 - a. Operations Report (G. Scherer)
 - b. Superintendent's Report (J. Petersen)
 - c. Ancillary Report (R. Holden)
 - d. Finance Report, Approval of Expenses* (S. Olander)
 - e. Ambulance Garage (S. Olander/R. Holden)
 - f. Open Door Clinic Report (S. Olander)
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2019
- VIII. Executive Session RCW**
- IX. Adjournment**

Note: Upcoming Agenda Items
Open Door Clinic Quarterly Report – October 2019



Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday: June 20, 2019
Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Place: KVH Family Medicine Clinic, Cle Elum, WA
Minutes Submitted By: Scott Olander, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Regular Meeting: Call to order made by Commissioner Rogalski at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Commissioners: Floyd Rogalski, Hartwig Vatheuer, Fred Benjamin and Kevin Nicholson. Melissa Becker was excused. Superintendent: Julie Petersen; Treasurer: Scott Olander; Ancillary Operations: Rhonda Holden; EMS Manager: Geoff Scherer. Guest: John Sinclair, Chief Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue and Interim Chief Fire District 7.

Approval of Agenda:

Action: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Vatheuer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Action: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Vatheuer and seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence:

Guest Presentation:

Chief Sinclair discussed history of the upper county Fire Districts and their working relationships with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue. Chief Sinclair has a signed contract to serve as Interim Chief for District 7 effective April 1, 2019. The contract can be terminated with two month notice by either party. District 7 hired 9 firefighter/EMTs as part of a SAFER grant. The grant requires that District continue to maintain these 9 positions for three years. Due to the rejection of the levy by District 7 residents, District 7 does not have funds to continue supporting all 9 positions. Chief Sinclair believes in collaboration and cooperation between the EMS providers and Fire Districts. District 7 is not a threat to Hospital District 2 for EMS services. Chief Sinclair reported that Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue and District 7 are exploring forming a Regional Fire Authority.

Chief Sinclair reported that upper Kittitas County is growing four times faster than the lower Kittitas County. Due to the growth a levy increase is needed to meet surge capacity needs for upper Kittitas County residents. Chief Sinclair reported that the area covered by Fire District 7 is at significant risk for fire due to the remote nature where homes were constructed and the proximity of forest growth surrounding these homes. The bridge and road infrastructure leading to these sites is not adequate to handle the fire trucks and equipment that must respond to these isolated areas of the county.

Operations Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written operations report and operating statistics for May 2019. Geoff Scherer reported that May transports were below budget by 22 transports. The variance is due to how the monthly budget was spread. YTD there have been 12 more transports than was budgeted and 28 more transports in 2019 than in 2018, an 8.8% increase. Geoff reported that Medic 7 (new ambulance) is working well. The new ambulances are too tall for the current ambulance station. Geoff reported that the air conditioning compressor in Medic 5 failed and will be repaired. Geoff reported that is difficult to recruit part-time EMTs. He does not have problems hiring full-time EMTs.

Superintendent's Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for May 2019. Julie reported that labor negotiations with IAFF occurred on May 28 and another meeting is scheduled for June 21st.

Julie reported that Dr. Wise will retire from the Cle Elum Family Medicine Clinic the end of June. Retirement Celebrations for the staff and community to honor and thank Dr. Wise are scheduled in June and July.

Ancillary Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for May 2019. Rhonda updated her report about the Urgent Care Clinic. The bid to replace the sidewalks at Urgent Care was much higher than the city expected so the sidewalks will not be replaced in 2019.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for May 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. The review included a review of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense variances. Although May transports were below budget, the revenue for the month was very close to budget because the average charges per transport was greater than average charges per transport in the budget. YTD Total Revenue is \$71,011 greater than budget. 2019 Total Revenue through May is \$223,807 greater than 2018 Total Revenue. Expense controls resulted in a YTD favorable expense variances of \$72,200. YTD Net Income is \$168,229 compared to budgeted YTD net income of \$5,127.

Scott provided first quarter operating results for the Cle Elum Urgent Care Clinic and Family Medicine of Cle Elum Clinic.

Action: A motion to approve the checks for May was made by Commissioner Vatheuer and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Open Door Clinic:

Because monthly clinic volume is very low we will provide an updated report regarding the Open Door Clinic at the July meeting.

Ambulance Station:

There was discussion about the orientation of the ambulance station and the projected cost per sq. ft. The saving from building a station and smaller crew quarters are relatively small. Rhonda met with Commissioner Becker, Geoff and Medic One staff during June to make sure that their ideas and priorities were being considered in the design of the new station.

Other Business:

The Commissioners authorized Geoff to place an order not to exceed \$227,000 for a new Medic 8 ambulance to be delivered in 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

New Business:

Next regular meeting date: July 15, 2019 at KVH Family Medicine Cle Elum.

Announcements:

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by Commissioner Rogalski.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This not only helps in tracking expenses but also ensures compliance with tax regulations.

In the second section, the author provides a detailed breakdown of the company's revenue streams. This includes sales from various product lines and services. The data shows a steady increase in revenue over the past year, which is attributed to market expansion and improved operational efficiency.

The third section focuses on the company's financial health and liquidity. It highlights the strong cash flow and the ability to meet all financial obligations. The author notes that the company's debt-to-equity ratio remains low, indicating a solid financial foundation.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the company's overall performance and future outlook. The author expresses confidence in the company's ability to continue its growth trajectory and maintain its position as a market leader.

Operation's Manager Report – June 2019

	June 2019	June 2018
Calls for Service	145	133
Patient Count	101	97
Patient Transports	72	65
Patient Refusals	15	21
Year to Date Transports	420	384
Station #73 Transports	32	
Station # 99 Transports	40	
Passed Calls	0	

No. of Stipend Shifts	
District #7	2
Other	3
Cle Elum FD	0
Monthly Total	5

PERSONNEL

Stipend shifts increased from 2 to 5 this month, but they are still under the 8 shifts per month that I have budgeted. For the first 6 months of 2019 I have utilized 29 stipend shifts using just 2 EMT's and budgeted for 48. Craig Hallmark (paramedic) is doing ride time at station 99, he needs 17 more ALS calls to get signed off by Dr. Horsley.

APPARATUS

M5 is back in service after having its 3rd compressor installed for the A/C unit. M6 is back from the shop with new windshield and exhaust manifold work and will be back up at station 99. M7 is in for oil and belt change. M4 is first out at station 73 and will remain first out until new medic build shows up in January. M8 chassis has been ordered.

Year	Unit	Beg ODO	End ODO	Miles	Location	Comments
2018	M7	5,489	9,218	3,729	Station 73	Back up
2016	M6	84,233	85,143	1,180	Station 99	Backup
2016	M5	113,386	114,392	1,006	Station 99	In Use
2014	M4	137,815	139,064	1,249	Station 73	In Use
2019	M8					On Order

MISCELLANEOUS

- Upper Kittitas County Medic One provided a stand-by medic unit for the Russell Wilson celebrity golf tournament that makes cancer immunotherapy treatment a reality for youth.
- I worked with Kittcom and Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue on a tabletop MCI exercise that incorporates the change of their dispatch to NORCOM.
- The Agency will be working with Kittcom to provide ESD (emergency service dispatcher) services thru the busy summer months, I will be invoicing Kittcom for the OT hours that individuals spend at the communications center.

Kittitas County Hospital District #2

Patient Transport Count per Destination - 2019

Hospital	YTD	April	May	June
Central Washington Hospital	4	0	0	2
Harborview	15	0	2	3
KVH	281	47	51	51
Snoqualmie Valley Hospital	24	1	0	3
Swedish Issaquah	40	9	7	2
Virginia Mason	8	1	2	2
Yakima Regional	8	1	0	3
Yakima Memorial	11	2	1	3
Childrens	3	0	0	0
University of Washington	2	0	0	1
Valley Renton	0	0	0	0
Overlake	15	2	4	1

	YTD	April	May	June
Out of County Transports	136	17	16	21

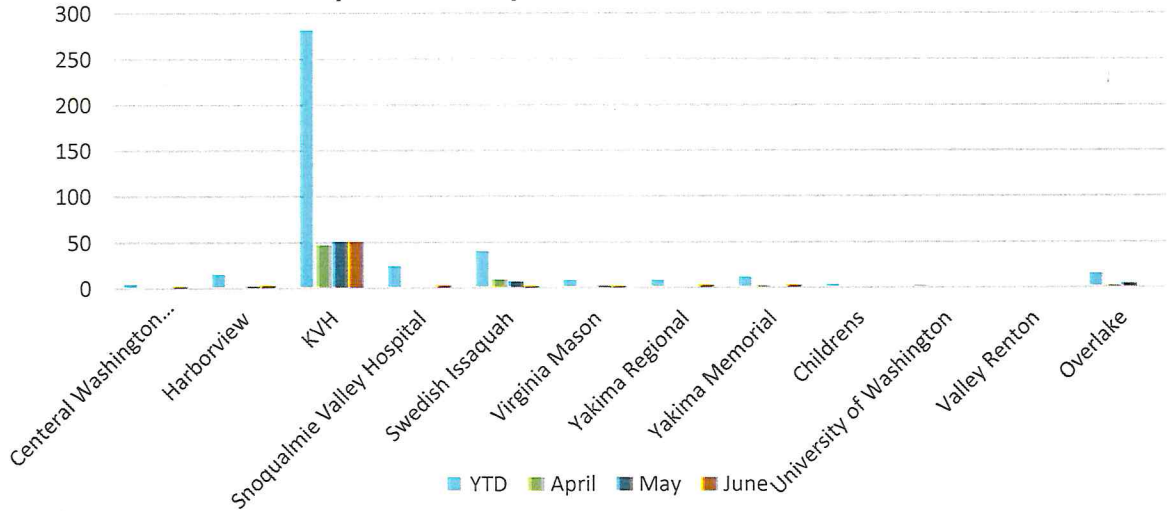
Patient Transport Count per Zone

Zone	YTD	April	May	June
Snoqualmie Pass	41	1	1	3
Fire District 8	9	0	1	0
Fire District 7	82	16	16	17
Cle Elum	99	20	20	20
Easton	19	3	5	6
Ronald	19	3	5	1
Urgent Care	54	4	6	10
Roslyn	27	5	6	3
South Cle Elum	12	4	0	1
Family Medicine - Cle Elum	22	4	4	2
KVH	19	1	2	5
Other	8	0	1	3

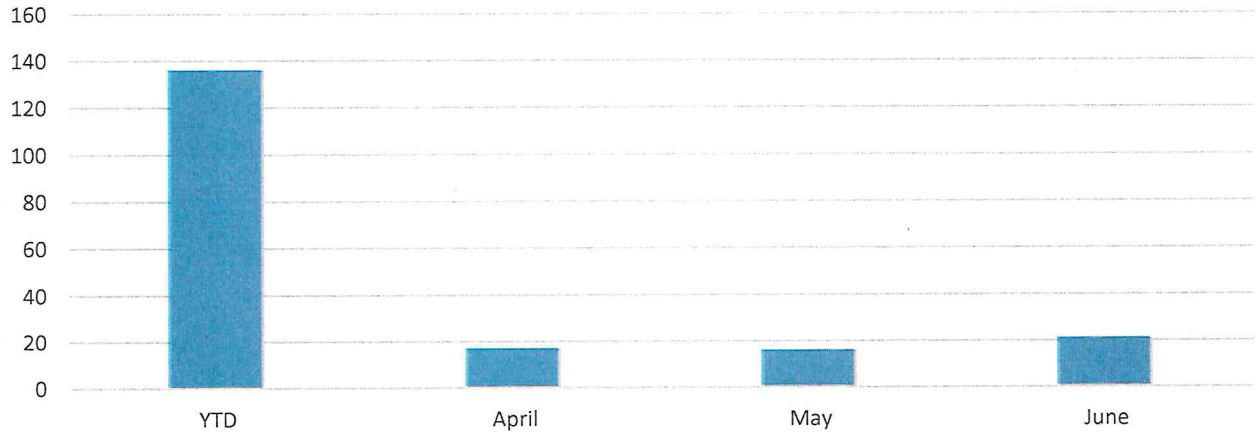
Zone	YTD	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
Snoqualmie Pass	41	36	5		
Fire District 8	9	8	1		
Fire District 7	82	33	49		
Cle Elum	99	39	60		
Easton	19	5	14		
Ronald	19	10	9		
Urgent Care	54	34	20		
Roslyn	27	13	14		
South Cle Elum	12	7	5		
Family Medicine - Cle Elum	22	12	10		
KVH	19	11	8		
Other	8	4	4		

Comments:

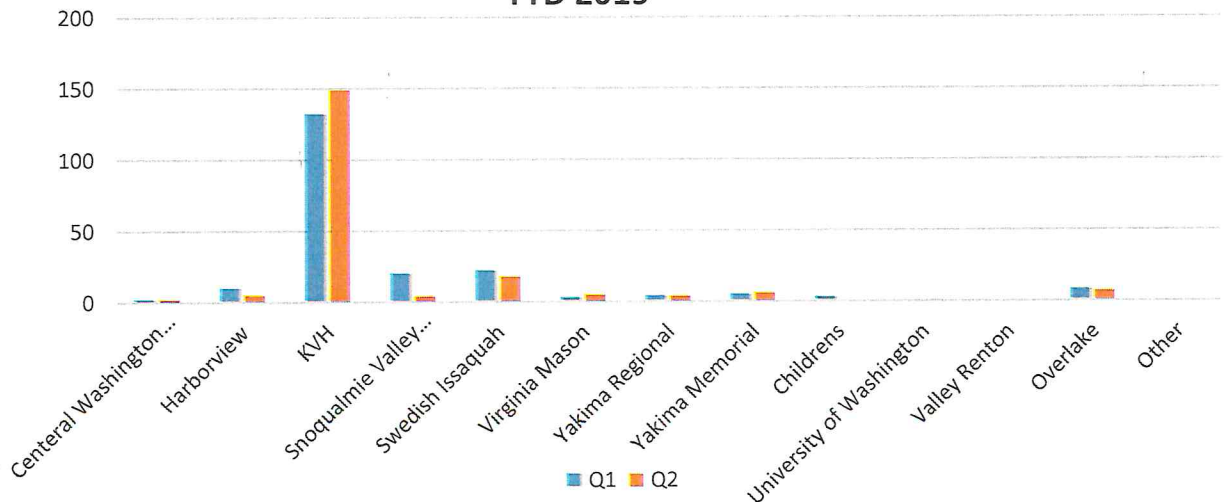
Patient Transport Count per Destination - 2nd Qtr 2019



Out of County Transports - 2nd Qtr 2019



**Patient Transport Count per Zone
YTD 2019**



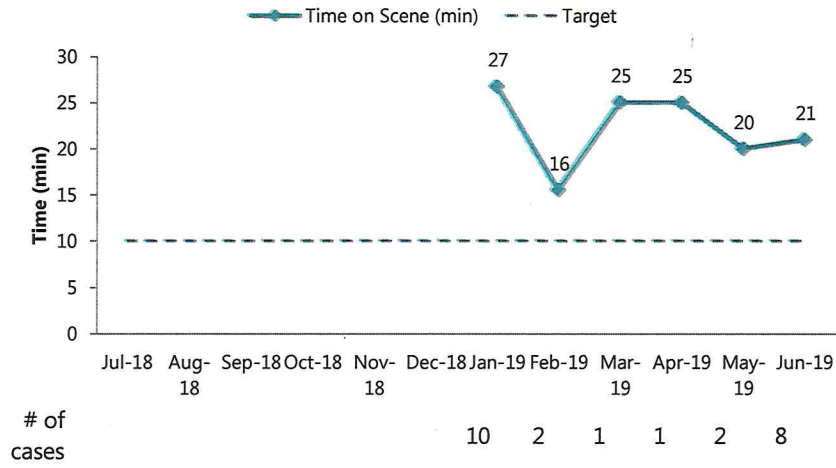
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Quality Metrics

Time on Scene



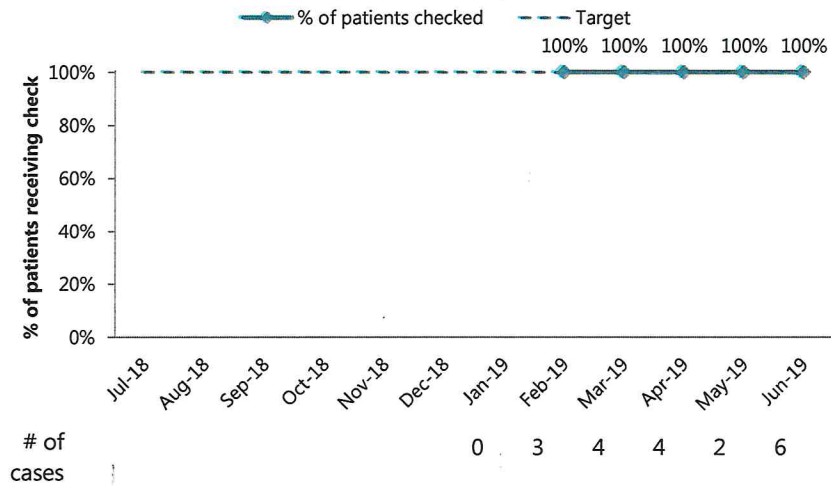
for trauma patients



Glucose Checked



for patients with stroke symptoms





SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Julie Petersen

July 2019

IAFF 4880

Administration is prepared to recommend for approval a new three year agreement between PHD#2 and IAFF 4880. IAFF membership is voting today (7/10/2019) so we should know whether the agreement has been ratified by the Board meeting.

The annual cost of the adjustments, the general terms that have been agreed to and the new wage matrix are included in your packet. Scott Olander has projected that, with new construction and annual 1% levy increase, tax revenue will keep pace with the contract changes.

Inter-Facility Transfers

Included in your packet is a letter I wrote in my capacity as CEO of Kittitas Valley Healthcare. The letter is addressed to Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue asking that they work with Medic One to coordinate inter-facility transfers. The KVH Emergency Department is, at times, experiencing unacceptably long wait times for patient transfer to a higher level of care.

I am asking that the two agencies coordinate the availability of units to perform these transfers when call volumes are particularly high. Geoff and I discussed the importance of ensuring that adequate resources remain available in county to serve district residents. The transports are well reimbursed and can provide additional reimbursement to cover fixed costs.

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #2 AND IAFF 4880 CONTRACT NEGOTIATION NOTES AND REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Background

The current three year collective bargaining agreement between IAFF 4880 and PHD#2 concludes September 30, 2019. The wage matrix is a very straight forward two grade (EMT and Paramedic) scale with 12 seniority steps representing 15 years of service. There is a consistent 27% between the two grades and 3% between each step.

The 2016 – 2019 agreement began with an EMT, Step 1 (anchor wage) wage of \$12.19 set at \$3.28 or 35% above the then Washington State minimum wage of \$9.47. The contract concluded with the anchorage wage at \$13.79 or \$1.79 and 15% above the \$12.00, 2019 minimum wage. The more pressing market factor is that minimum wage climbs to \$13.50 on January 1, 2020 leaving the anchor step at \$0.29 and 2% above minimum wage. Although staff is scheduled on a formula which anticipates that roughly 20% of hours will be paid at the overtime rate, state law does not make allowance for the impact of hybrid scheduling when determining minimum wage.

The concluding contract began with a matrix increase of 5% with an additional 4% applied on the contract anniversary date the two subsequent years. The parties also negotiated a significant increase in the portion of welfare benefits paid by the employer. Currently 100% of the employee and 90% of dependent premium is covered by the employer. This change seemed to have been a focus of the prior negotiations.

During the term of the current agreement, the state Retirement Services Department and the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts reached an agreement that recognized the right of some non-fire EMTs to participate in the State's Law Enforcement Officer and Fire Fighters (LEOFF) retirement plan. This impacted some PHD#2 staff.

During the term of the current agreement, the District piloted the second 24 hour ambulance. This new schedule was adopted permanently which eliminated the need for a 12 hour schedule.

During the term of the current agreement the District added the Captain or Medical Service Officer (MSO) position at a premium cost of \$2.25 per hour.

During calendar year 2018 the District spent \$859,000 in wages to EMTs and Paramedics. We ended the year with 3 fulltime EMTs, 10 per diem EMTs and 7 fulltime paramedics and 6 per diem paramedics. Total paid hours were just over 39,000 for a total of 18.8 FTE.

Employer Priorities

We felt that we were working from a solid contract with good, clear language. We wanted to minimize language changes. That being said, a number of updates were required due to regulatory changes and court decisions:

- Related to the inclusion in LEOFF, references to part time were all changed to per diem.
- Washington State has enacted a number of new leave programs that required us to deal with sick time and vacation language with very broad new references to compliance with State law.

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- Language addressing the federal court decision allowing public sector employees to opt out of the union (Janus) was incorporated into the agreement.

Operationally, our number 1 priority was to reduce turnover and enhance staff recruitment and retention:

- Identify a market. Demonstrate that we are competitive in the market
- Resolve minimum wage compression
- Incentivize per diem recruitment

We sought to retain flexibility on policy issues through the use of memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and policy rather than expanding the contract.

In response to chronic staff shortages we wanted to develop a long term program to help with workforce development. We focused on supporting seasoned, local EMTs to transition to the paramedic pool.

Build on the existing, positive relationship between the District and the bargaining unit members. Use an interest based approach to discussions.

Outcome

All of the necessary language changes have been incorporated into the new agreement.

We consider the market to be other paid, non-fire based EMS services in Washington. It is not a large market. We identified Cascade in Leavenworth, PMH in Prosser and Whidbey Health in Coupeville. Klickitat County EMS is similar but that service is currently being run by the County whereas the others are all operated by public hospital districts.

We believe that the proposed matrix which includes annual adjustments of 5% per year, the permanent inclusion of the Medical Service Officer premium at \$2.25, the addition of a 20th step at the top of the matrix and the new Paramedic Tuition Reimbursement policy, aligns PHD#2 well in the market and resolves the compression challenges. We also committed to a slight adjustment in the uniform allowance and a meal stipend for out of county transports.

We have agreed to provide air ambulance insurance for all fulltime regular employees at a cost not to exceed \$100 per year. We are researching the available products.

The Operations Manager worked with the membership to develop a new MSO job description, a policy on meal reimbursement and a Paramedic Program Reimbursement policy. Key elements of the Paramedic program include an application process, minimum length of previous employment with the District, minimum GPA and budget permitting.

Cost

The matrix cost of the proposed contract with payroll taxes included is approximately \$46,000 year one, \$48,500 year two and \$51,000 year three. Other costs are either built into current wages, negligible or dependent on the availability of budget dollars.

Administration believes that this is an economically sustainable, three year contract that recognizes the value of our staff, the changing workforce and economic environment and enhances our ability to recruit and retain outstanding staff to serve Upper Kittitas County.

Administration recommends approval of the proposed contract.

6.7 **Mandatory Hold Over.** In order to insure adequate staffing levels, the District may mandatorily hold over any scheduled employee for up to an additional twelve (12) hours as needed. The Employer will first offer any vacant shift to all unscheduled employees prior to mandatorily holding over any scheduled employee. Vacant shifts will be offered per the Open Shift Coverage Policy. Bargaining unit employees will be mandatorily held over before per diem bargaining unit employees, and all hold overs will be determined by inverse seniority. Employees who are mandatorily held over will be compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee’s normal hourly rate if the hours do not constitute overtime, and two (2) times the employee’s normal hourly rate if the hours constitute overtime. The Operations Manager may fill the hold over position if no other employee is available.

6.8 **Shift trades** may be voluntarily undertaken between two (2) employees only if the trade does not interfere with the operations of the District, does not reduce minimum staffing qualifications for the shift, does not result in additional overtime hours, and is approved by the Operations Manager. All trades must be proposed at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the shift unless emergency circumstances preclude such notice.

6.9 **Shifts that become vacant** once the schedule is posted will be distributed according to the Employer’s Open Shift Coverage policy.

6.10 **Full-time employees** must utilize vacation hours or sick leave for all regularly scheduled hours not actually worked by the employee, unless the employee is on an approved unpaid leave in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 – WAGES

New employees with prior applicable job experience, as determined by the District, may be given prior service credit of up to one (1) year for each two (2) years of such experience for placement on the wage scale. Granting service credit shall be at the District’s discretion.

Wages

1. Employees shall be paid based on the following wage schedule:

First full pay period following October 1, 2019

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20
EMT	14.48	14.91	15.35	15.82	16.30	16.79	17.29	17.81	18.34	18.89	19.45	20.03	20.63
Paramedic	18.42	18.98	19.55	20.14	20.74	21.36	22.00	22.66	23.34	24.04	24.76	25.51	26.27

First full pay period following October 1, 2020

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20
EMT	15.20	15.66	16.12	16.61	17.11	17.62	18.15	18.70	19.26	19.83	20.43	21.04	21.67
Paramedic	19.34	19.93	20.52	21.14	21.77	22.43	23.10	23.79	24.51	25.24	26.00	26.78	27.59

First full pay period following October 1, 2021

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20
EMT	15.96	16.44	16.93	17.44	17.97	18.51	19.06	19.63	20.22	20.82	21.45	22.09	22.75
Paramedics	20.31	20.92	21.55	22.20	22.86	23.55	24.25	24.98	25.73	26.51	27.30	28.12	28.97

MSO Premium: \$2.25 per hour



July 5, 2019

Rich Elliott, Deputy Chief
Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue
400 East Mountain View Avenue
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Subject: Patient Transport Delays from Kittitas Valley Healthcare Emergency Department and Acute Care Nursing Floor

Dear Mr. Elliott:

We are writing this letter to make you aware that from time to time the hospital is experiencing delays in transporting Emergency Department and Acute Care patients who require a higher level of care than KVH is able to provide or care from specialists that are not available in Ellensburg. The transport delays happen on random days and at random times. We understand that with dual responsibilities of fire and rescue and emergency medical services and limited KVFR staff that staff and transport vehicles may not be available to assist with hospital patient transports. In an effort to try to avoid transport delays of hospital patients, we ask that Kittitas County Fire and Rescue work with Geoff Scherer, Hospital District 2 EMS Manager in Cle Elum, to develop a transport backup plan so that the hospital is able to transport patients to the care and specialists that they require as quickly as possible.

We appreciate the services that KVFR provides to the community that we both serve. We also appreciate the collaborative and close working relationship between KVFR and KVH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Petersen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie Petersen, CPA
Chief Executive Officer

Operations report to Hospital District #2 Board of Commissioners
July, 2019

Ancillary Service Operation Report:

- **Community Report**

The final community report is available for you to preview prior to mailing.

- **Dr. Elizabeth Wise Retired**

As you are aware, Dr. Wise retired on 6/30/19. She had a great turnout of former patients and community members at her retirement parties, the last of which was yesterday. The community truly benefited from her practice of medicine at FMC and she will be missed.

- **Medic One Crew Quarters**

KDA will provide an update later in the agenda.

- **Cle Elum Physical Therapy**

I am working with FMC leadership to determine an appropriate location within the clinic for PT to expand. We continue to keep a waiting list for patients to be pulled in for an appointment if we have a cancellation.

- **KVH Hospital Lab**

KVH is looking to expand the hospital lab in order to provide more testing onsite. As we do so, the hospital lab and our clinical lab sites are preparing to become accredited by The Joint Commission to ensure we are meeting the highest quality standards possible.

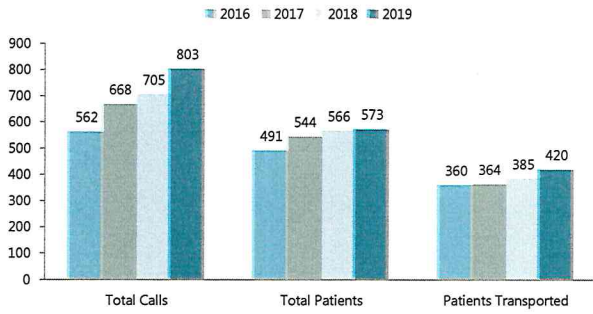
- **Urgent Care**

The Urgent Care was extremely busy over the 4th of July weekend, seeing 27 patients on Saturday during Pioneer Days. Scott is working with Mason Smith and Vicky Machorro regarding the coding for the Urgent Care to maximize billing.

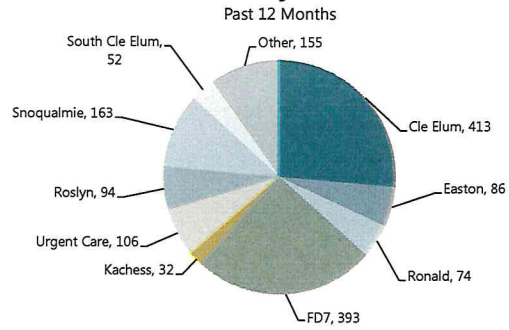
Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Holden, MSN, CENP

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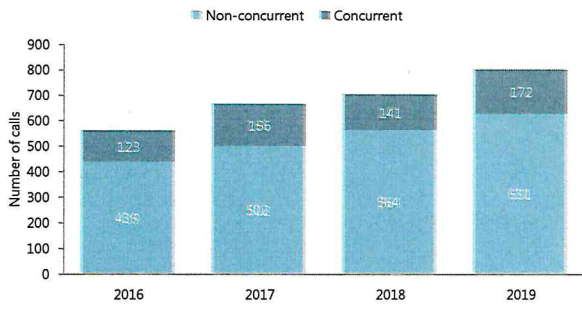
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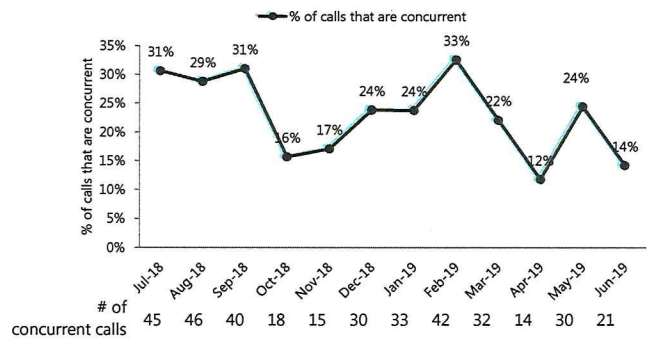
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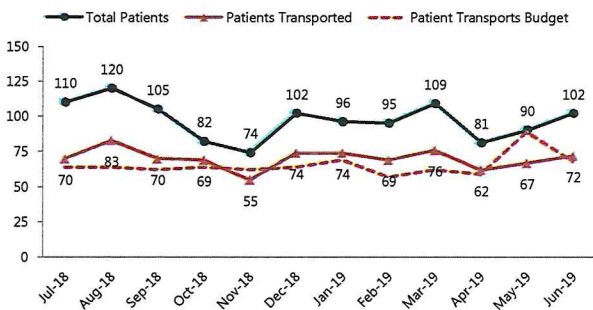
Concurrent Calls, YTD



Concurrent Calls



Patients and Transports



Days Cash on Hand



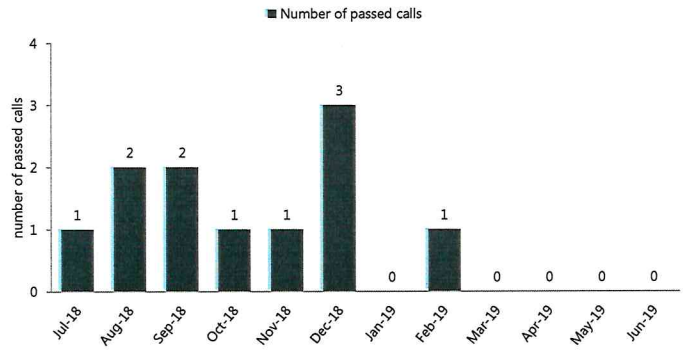
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Turnout Time - Dispatch to Enroute

06/01/2018 to 05/31/2019

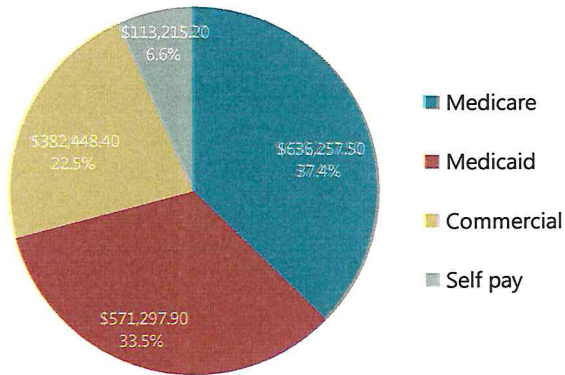
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A511 (CEFD)	3	5:03
CEFD Overall	3	5:03
A721 (FD7)	2	0:04
A731 (FD7)	3	1:58
A761 (FD7)	1	10:23
FD7 Overall	6	2:44
M931(HD2)	614	2:22
M991 (HD2)	812	1:58
M992 (HD2)	21	3:13
HD2 Overall	1447	2:09

Passed Calls



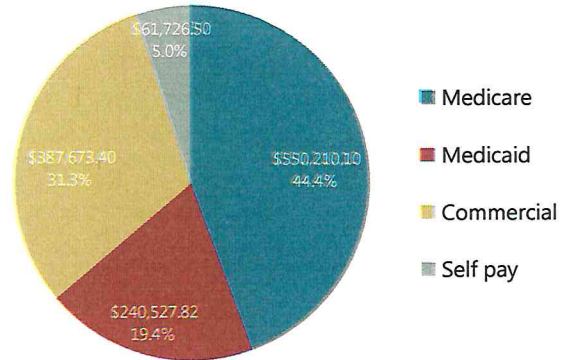
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04/01/2018 to 03/31/2019



Payor Mix by Charges

04/01/2017 to 03/31/2018



Kittitas Valley Community Hospital District #2
Statement of Revenue and Expense

MEDICAL BILLABLE RUNS	72	68	4	420	404	16	385
AVERAGE CHARGE PER RUN	2,002	2,003	(1)	2,082	2,023	59	1,651
	Current Month			Year to Date			Prior
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD
INTEREST INCOME	5,024	2,840	2,184	40,023	17,040	22,983	16,533
RENTAL INCOME	22,769	22,769	0	140,383	140,371	12	144,000
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	2,000	0	2,000	3,266	0	3,266	2,222
AMBULANCE REVENUE	144,120	136,237	7,883	874,237	817,419	56,818	635,580
TOTAL REVENUE	173,913	161,846	12,068	1,057,908	974,830	83,078	798,335
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	55,486	50,451	5,035	309,741	302,707	7,034	240,130
BAD DEBT	3,754	6,655	(2,901)	34,796	39,924	(5,128)	27,961
CHARITY CARE	2,011	945	1,066	2,687	5,671	(2,984)	7,643
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	61,251	58,051	3,200	347,225	348,302	(1,077)	275,734
NET OPERATING REVENUE	112,662	103,795	8,868	710,683	626,528	84,156	522,601
SALARIES AND WAGES	79,349	77,499	1,850	471,623	464,994	6,629	417,670
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	28,345	24,526	3,819	155,512	147,161	8,351	126,019
PROFESSIONAL FEES	625	8,649	(8,024)	12,739	64,906	(52,167)	30,490
SUPPLIES	11,005	10,916	89	74,046	76,976	(2,930)	59,589
UTILITIES	1,943	2,592	(649)	14,345	15,548	(1,203)	14,284
PURCHASED SERVICES	21,520	24,349	(2,829)	130,377	135,110	(4,733)	109,471
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	15,316	15,316	0	91,895	91,895	(0)	0
DEPRECIATION	27,237	29,477	(2,240)	150,808	176,860	(26,052)	153,232
INSURANCE	1,959	2,275	(316)	12,241	13,650	(1,409)	12,036
LICENSES AND TAXES	1,150	2,044	(894)	7,703	12,259	(4,555)	5,621
INTEREST EXPENSE	12,226	12,445	(219)	75,400	74,674	725	74,681
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	825	125	700	5,132	8,900	(3,768)	7,827
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	830	333	497	4,998	4,302	696	1,603
EXPENSES	202,330	210,546	(8,216)	1,206,820	1,287,236	(80,416)	1,012,522
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(89,668)	(106,752)	17,084	(496,136)	(660,708)	164,572	(489,921)
TAX LEVY INCOME	113,350	110,346	3,004	688,047	669,429	18,617	661,367
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	23,682	3,594	20,087	191,910	8,721	183,189	171,446
DAYS CASH ON HAND	1022.0						
AR DAYS	66.0						
CURRENT RATIO	13.76						
COMMITTED CAPITAL FUNDS:							
2019 AMBULANCE	0.00						
2020 AMBULANCE	255,000						
AMBULANCE GARAGE	1,700,000						
TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS	1,955,000.00						
DAYS CASH AFTER COMMITTED	646.0						

Kittitas Valley Community Hospital District #2
Statement of Revenue and Expense

	72	68	4	420	404	16	385
MEDICAL BILLABLE RUNS							
AVERAGE CHARGE PER RUN	2,002	2,003	(1)	2,082	2,023	59	1,651
	Current Month			Year to Date			Prior
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD
INTEREST INCOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RENTAL INCOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	1,500	0	1,500	2,766	0	2,766	0
AMBULANCE REVENUE	144,120	136,237	7,883	874,237	817,419	56,818	635,580
TOTAL REVENUE	145,620	136,237	9,383	877,003	817,419	59,584	635,580
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	55,486	50,451	5,035	309,741	302,707	7,034	240,130
BAD DEBT	3,754	6,655	(2,901)	34,796	39,924	(5,128)	27,961
CHARITY CARE	2,011	945	1,066	2,687	5,671	(2,984)	7,643
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	61,251	58,051	3,200	347,225	348,302	(1,077)	275,734
NET OPERATING REVENUE	84,369	78,186	6,183	529,778	469,117	60,661	359,846
SALARIES AND WAGES	79,349	77,267	2,082	471,225	463,602	7,624	416,359
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	28,345	24,526	3,819	155,452	147,161	8,291	126,019
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	11,005	10,858	147	73,961	76,624	(2,663)	59,449
UTILITIES	1,831	2,375	(544)	13,409	14,250	(841)	13,397
PURCHASED SERVICES	11,403	13,769	(2,366)	87,075	89,765	(2,690)	72,815
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION	13,711	15,810	(2,100)	69,199	94,862	(25,663)	71,027
INSURANCE	523	575	(52)	2,987	3,450	(463)	1,927
LICENSES AND TAXES	1,150	2,044	(894)	7,703	12,259	(4,555)	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	290	125	165	4,470	8,550	(4,080)	7,827
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	0	0	0	1,232	2,300	(1,068)	540
EXPENSES	147,606	147,349	257	886,714	912,823	(26,109)	769,360
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(63,237)	(69,163)	5,926	(356,936)	(443,706)	86,770	(409,514)
TAX LEVY INCOME	56,368	54,215	2,153	338,022	325,294	12,728	324,508
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(6,869)	(14,948)	8,079	(18,914)	(118,412)	99,498	(85,006)

Kittitas Valley Community Hospital District #2
Statement of Revenue and Expense

	Current Month			Year to Date			Prior
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD
INTEREST INCOME	5,024	2,840	2,184	40,023	17,040	22,983	16,533
RENTAL INCOME	22,769	22,769	0	140,383	140,371	12	144,000
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	500	0	500	500	0	500	2,222
AMBULANCE REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	28,293	25,609	2,684	180,906	157,411	23,495	162,755
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAD DEBT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHARITY CARE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING REVENUE	28,293	25,609	2,684	180,906	157,411	23,495	162,755
SALARIES AND WAGES	0	232	(232)	398	1,393	(995)	1,311
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0	0	0	60	0	60	0
PROFESSIONAL FEES	625	8,649	(8,024)	12,739	64,906	(52,167)	30,490
SUPPLIES	0	58	(58)	85	352	(267)	140
UTILITIES	112	217	(105)	936	1,298	(362)	887
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,118	10,580	(462)	43,302	45,345	(2,043)	36,656
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	15,316	15,316	0	91,895	91,895	(0)	0
DEPRECIATION	13,526	13,667	(141)	81,609	81,998	(389)	82,205
INSURANCE	1,436	1,700	(264)	9,253	10,200	(947)	10,110
LICENSES AND TAXES	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,621
INTEREST EXPENSE	12,226	12,445	(219)	75,400	74,674	725	74,681
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	535	0	535	663	350	313	0
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	830	333	497	3,766	2,002	1,764	1,063
EXPENSES	54,724	63,197	(8,473)	320,106	374,413	(54,307)	243,162
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(26,430)	(37,588)	11,158	(139,200)	(217,002)	77,802	(80,407)
TAX LEVY INCOME	56,981	56,131	850	350,025	344,136	5,889	336,859
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	30,551	18,543	12,008	210,825	127,133	83,691	256,452
DAYS CASH ON HAND	1022.0						
AR DAYS	66.0						
CURRENT RATIO	13.76						
COMMITTED CAPITAL FUNDS:							
2019 AMBULANCE	0.00						
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Kittitas County Hospital Dist 2

Balance Sheet

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Prior Year End</u>	<u>Change</u>
CASH	3,655,669	3,736,723	(81,055)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	251,440	189,746	61,694
TAXES RECEIVABLE	616,551	54,634	561,917
PREPAIDS	15,672	4,078	11,594
INVESTMENTS	2,273,952	2,251,689	22,263
CURRENT ASSETS	6,813,285	6,236,871	576,414
LAND	843,524	843,524	0
PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT	6,446,447	6,182,141	264,306
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(3,189,554)	(3,038,746)	(150,808)
NON CURRENT ASSETS	4,100,418	3,986,920	113,498
DEFERRED OUTLOWS	104,300	104,300	0
ASSETS	11,018,002	10,328,091	689,911
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	41,516	6,654	34,862
INTEREST PAYABLE	12,226	12,635	(409)
ACCRUED PAYROLL	19,314	28,890	(9,575)
ACCRUED BENEFITS	60,333	45,063	15,269
CEUCC SUBSIDY PAYABLE	91,895	180,186	(88,291)
CURRENT PORTION REVENUE BOND - LTGO	269,736	269,736	0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	495,020	543,164	(48,144)
LONG TERM REVENUE BOND - LTGO	4,055,877	4,189,608	(133,731)
NET PENSION LIABILITY	492,745	492,745	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS - PENSION	81,035	81,035	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS - LEVY	679,876	0	679,876
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	5,309,534	4,763,388	546,145
LIABILITIES	5,804,553	5,306,552	498,001
NET INCOME (LOSS)	191,910	(0)	191,910
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	5,021,539	5,021,539	0
FUND BALANCE	5,213,449	5,021,539	191,910
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	11,018,002	10,328,091	689,911

Kittitas County Hospital Dist 2

Statement of Cash Flows

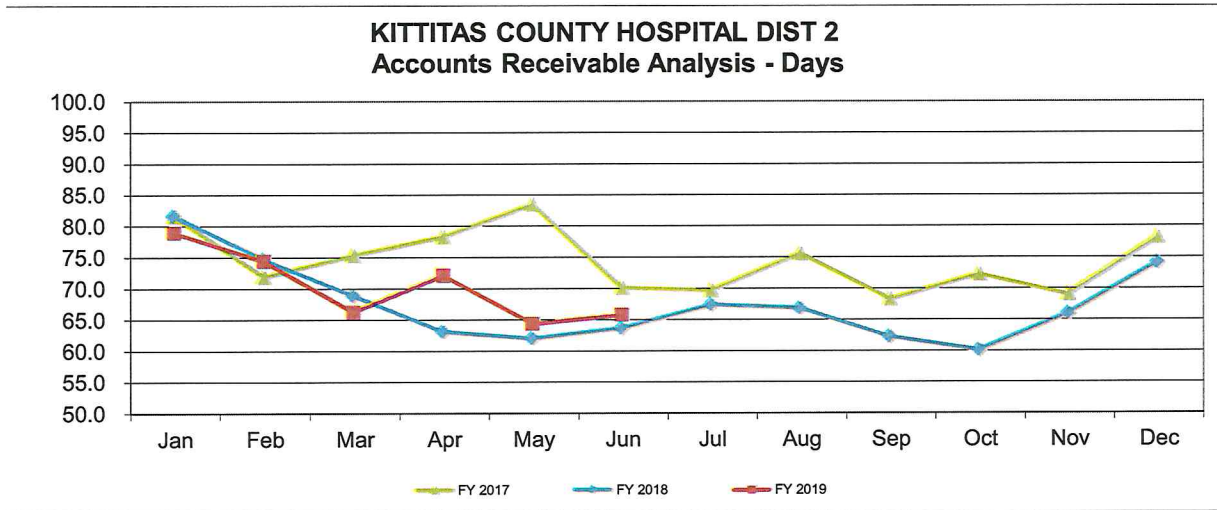
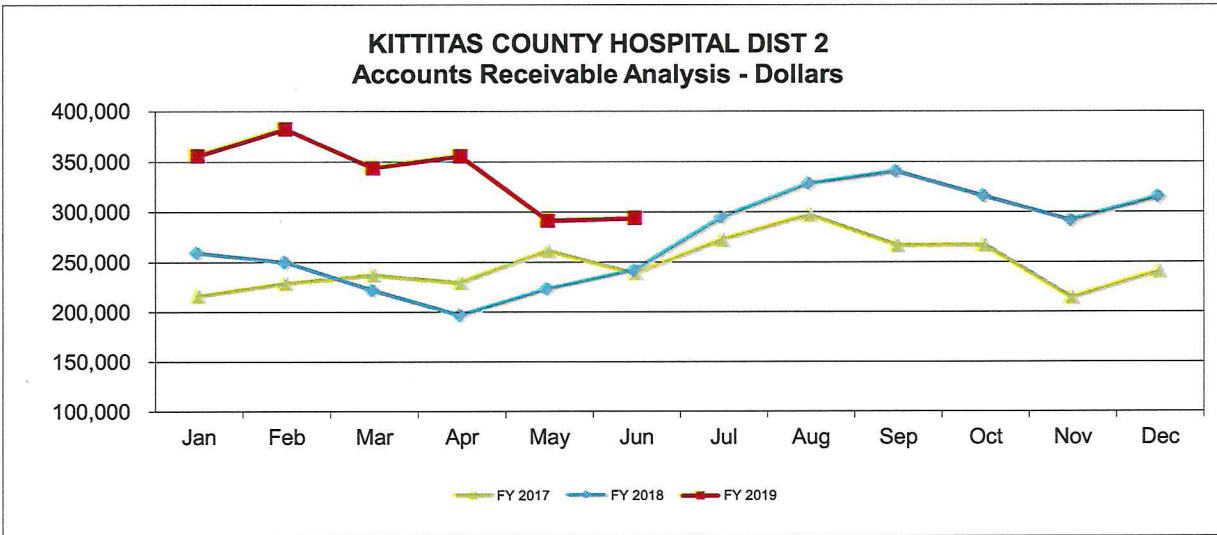
	<u>CASH</u>
NET BOOK INCOME	191,910
ADD BACK NON-CASH EXPENSE	
DEPRECIATION	150,808
NET CASH FROM OPERATIONS	342,719
CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS	
PATIENT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	(61,694)
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	(561,917)
PREPAID EXPENSE	(11,594)
TOTAL CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS	(635,205)
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	(264,306)
INCREASE IN INVESTMENTS	(22,263)
PROCEEDS FROM SALE/MATURITY OF INVESTMENTS	
TOTAL CHANGE IN ASSETS	(921,775)
CHANGES IN CURRENT LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	34,862
INTEREST PAYABLE	(409)
ACCRUED PAYROLL	(9,575)
ACCRUED BENEFITS	15,269
CEUCC SUBSIDY PAYABLE	(88,291)
TOTAL CHANGE CURRENT LIABILITIES	(48,144)
PRINCIPLE PAYMENT ON REVENUE BOND	(133,731)
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	679,876
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(81,055)
BEGINNING CASH ON HAND	3,736,723
ENDING CASH ON HAND	3,655,669



KITTITAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST 2
Accounts Receivable Analysis

SYS DESIGN EMS

	Jun-19	May-19	Apr-19	Mar-19	Feb-19	Jan-19	Dec-18	Nov-18	Oct-18	Sep-18	Aug-18	Jul-18
A/R Dollars	294,088	291,452	355,627	343,726	382,562	355,769	314,138	290,860	315,042	339,493	327,325	293,791
A/R Days	66	64	72	66	74	79	74	66	60	62	67	67





KITTITAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST 2

BOARD MEETING JULY 2019

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS/ EFTS TO BE APPROVED

CHECK DATE:

# 1 WARRANT NUMBERS:	10620-10651	NET AMOUNT:	\$38,198.92	3-Jun-19
# 2 WARRANT NUMBERS:	10652-10657	NET AMOUNT:	\$16,595.35	17-Jun-19
			<u>\$54,794.27</u>	

PAYROLL WARRANTS / EFTS TO BE APPROVED

PPE 06-08-19		NET AMOUNT:	\$26,144.11	14-Jun-19
PPE 06-22-19		NET AMOUNT:	\$23,177.51	28-Jun-19
			<u>\$49,321.62</u>	

TOTAL NET WARRANTS & EFT'S

\$104,115.89

Upper Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2
 Detailed Statement of Accounts Payable Transactions
 Month of June 2019



Account Class	Check No	Vendor	Amount	
Balance Sheet	10630	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	2,999.41	
	10653	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	366.00	
	10654	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	3,175.38	
Employee Benefits	10621	BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.	15,888.02	
	10631	DIMARTINO ASSOCIATES	100.58	
	10630	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	1,965.30	
	10654	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	2,208.45	
	10622	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	144.99	
Supplies	10620	ARROW INTERNATIONAL INC	899.50	
	10643	LIFE ASSIST, INC.	677.79	
	10643	LIFE ASSIST, INC.	705.38	
	10641	KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	1,028.75	
	10623	CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	175.26	
	10623	CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	30.04	
	10649	OXARC INC	177.01	
	10649	OXARC INC	255.85	
	10620	ARROW INTERNATIONAL INC	886.14	
	10652	AMAZON	52.59	
	10642	KNB FIRE	1,299.60	
	10632	GALLS, LLC	53.99	
	10632	GALLS, LLC	221.85	
	10632	GALLS, LLC	78.51	
	10632	GALLS, LLC	53.99	
	10632	GALLS, LLC	112.30	
	10634	GOOD TO GO	12.25	
	10637	JAMES OIL CO., INC.	763.21	
	10637	JAMES OIL CO., INC.	867.46	
	10651	STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,537.43	
	10638	JASON BOITANO	15.01	
	Purchased Services	10645	MELINDA D. SIKS	130.65
		10636	JACKSON HORSLEY	400.00
10640		KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	240.00	
10626		CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	350.00	
10626		CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00	
10656		KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	2,355.69	
10656		KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	1,824.50	
10656		KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	4,881.28	
10655		JULIE PETERSEN	32.48	
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	10657	SYSTEMS DESIGN	1,666.50
Purchased Services	10627	CLE ELUM FARM & HOME	24.83
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	900.46
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	407.45
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	509.54
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	431.11
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	745.91
	10647	MOUNTAIN AUTO PARTS	37.78
	10647	MOUNTAIN AUTO PARTS	165.55
	10646	MICROSOFT	405.01
Travel & Education	10633	GEOFF SCHERER	104.40
Other Direct Expenses	10628	CLE ELUM KIWANIS CLUB	250.00
	10629	DAILY RECORD	66.35
	10648	NORTHERN KITTITAS CO TRIBUNE	30.60
	10639	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	30.00
Utilities	10624	CENTURYLINK	111.55
	10644	MCI	35.74
	10635	INLAND NETWORKS	93.51
	10635	INLAND NETWORKS	157.00
	10650	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	68.04
	10650	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	149.92
	10650	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	12.48
	10650	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	28.82
	10650	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	256.27
	10640	KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
	10625	CITY OF CLE ELUM	109.03
	10625	CITY OF CLE ELUM	105.34
	10625	CITY OF CLE ELUM	491.96
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			54,794.27

7/2/19 HD2 Medic One Ambulance Garage Meeting Notes

Participants: Commissioner Fred Benjamin, Geoff Scherer, Rhonda Holden

Suggestions to take to KDA:

- Turn ambulance garage to face Pine Street
- Ambulance entrance on Pine Street, Public entrance from Power Street
- No public parking in front of Ambulance Bay, unless 1-2 spots are there. Need to have a large apron to safely back the ambulance
- Add a public vestibule between the mechanical room and front office, which contains a public toilet and doesn't allow further access into the building (like the Kennewick fire station). We think this is required for a public building
- Can the mechanical and electrical spaces be combined?
- No valleys in the roof
- Incorporate patio into the dining area and consider moving the crew area to the dining area and the dining area to the crew area
- Move one toilet to the laundry room and the laundry room to the toilet area
- Make the laundry room accessible from the crew side and the ambulance side. Will need 2 washers/2 dryers. One for patient linen and one for crew bedding/clothes
- Kitchen needs room for 3 refrigerators



June 2019

Compiled by Angie Love; for tracking the month June, 2019 Patient Statistics

	Ellensburg	Cle Elum	Dental	Total
Former Patient	24	3		27
New Patients	13	3		16
Total	37	6		42

Statistics Summary: For the month of June the patient's symptoms include RX refills, testing, lab results, back pain, high blood pressure, tooth pain, pregnancy, diabetes, stomach pain, counseling and many others symptoms. The patient visits are around the same as last month.

Volunteer Statistics

Volunteer	Ellensburg	Cle Elum		Total
Medical	8	3		11
Non-Medical	15	2		17
Partner	8	4		12
Total	31	9		40

Medical professionals include: Dr. Bob Schneider; Dr. Asriel, Cindy Gregory; Mara Fusfield, NP ,Maureen Woon, Marissa Krager, Sherri Finn, Natazshya DeSkala, Drue Larson. Kelly Behne, Dr. Walsh, Monica Aprea,

Non-Medical Volunteers include: Heather Clerf, Susan Camacho, Jacob Darley, David Farr, Cameron Cupp, Johnathan Basterrechea, Ali Busaquer, Saad Aldossary, Maxie Reavis, Mariyah Vongsaveng, Bria Cedarquist Grayson Long & Scout Wesselman, Serena Lambrou.

Partner volunteer include: Union Gospel Mission Clinic; Safeway; Fish Food Bank, Health District #2, Super One Pharmacy, KVH, CHCW, Creekside Dental, United Way, MTI.

Week	Hours	Miles	Notes
1	15		Clinic: Ellensburg
2	15	52	Clinic: Ellensburg, Cle Elum
3	15		Clinic: Ellensburg
4	15		Clinic: Ellensburg, Cle Elum
Total	60	52	

Activity Summary: In addition to my routine responsibilities such as attending hosted clinics, managing the clinic's phone, email, preparing a monthly Executive Director report and other administrative duties my list of projects in June include:

- Transitioning for new director

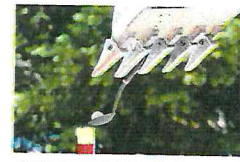


EARLY OFFENSE

Domingo Santana had two home runs and five RBIs in the Mariners' 8-2 win over Kansas City. SPORTS, PAGE A6

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The annual top hand competition and open house is Saturday. WEEKEND LIFE, PAGE B8



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Changing the world one thought at a time



RODNEY HARWOOD / DAILY RECORD

Screenwriter/producer Jim Warne enjoys a moment with members of the audience following his lecture at the 2019 Community Summit in Wenatchee. Warne's 45-minute documentary "7th Generation," which recently received its first international awards on the European Film Fest Tour, was screened during the Summit.

Native American documentary '7th Generation' wins first international award

By RODNEY HARWOOD
staff writer

WENATCHEE — A small group of people huddled together in the screening room at the sold out 2019 Community Summit in the Wenatchee Convention Center, oblivious to the thousands walking the corridors just outside, taking part in the three-day affair entitled "Enriching Lives."

As the screening ended and the credits began to roll, one young man stood and began to clap, encouraging others to do the same, in the end some 20-25 non-Indians gave the 45-minute documentary a standing ovation.

In many ways, that's all screenwriter/producer and Oglala Lakota Tribal Member Jim Warne can hope for — to change the world one thought, one person at a time. "7th Generation" is about Warne's

efforts to help Tribal Nations find a way to succeed in a contemporary American system, yet remain Indian at heart, director John L. Voht said.

"People know about atrocities in other countries — the Holocaust in Nazi Germany, genocide in Cambodia and Africa. But what they don't know those same atrocities happened right here in their own country," said Warne, whose documentary touches on several levels of history and unknown experiences to past generations.

"The first reservations here nothing more than concentration camps. You wouldn't associate boarding schools with cemeteries (with unknown grave markers) unless you were Indian."



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South Cle Elum Way renamed 'Hartwig Boulevard'

Street is lined with trees helped planted by active community member

By MATT CARSTENS
staff writer

Secrets are hard to keep in a city of less than 2,000 people.

The news that South Cle Elum Way would be renamed "Hartwig Boulevard" after the man who helped plant around 70 Norwegian maple trees along either side of the road broke at a city council meeting a little more than a month ago. With the meeting being broadcast on local television, it wasn't a great start.

Word got around, and eventually to Hartwig Vatheuer himself, but even he thought it wasn't true. "I heard it from a couple people but I thought they were joking," Vatheuer said.

So when he was presented with



MATT CARSTENS / DAILY RECORD

Cle Elum Public Works Director Mike Engelhart, left, and Cle Elum Mayor Jay McGowan, far right, present the new Hartwig Boulevard sign to Hartwig Vatheuer and his wife Mary during a Kiwanis meeting on Wednesday.

the finished street sign at the Kiwanis meeting on Wednesday

afternoon, he was still a little bit surprised, and quick to share the

credit with the rest of the club.

"I took care of the trees for 25 years now and all that, but still it's a Kiwanis project," Vatheuer said.

Cle Elum Mayor Jay McGowan along with help from public works director Mike Engelhart presented the honor to Vatheuer.

"Anybody who's going to help this city take care of something for 25 years deserves a little bit of recognition," McGowan said to the room full of people at the Cle Elum Centennial Center. "That comes from the good of his heart. Hartwig brings us a worldview that we have to get out of our little small town and start thinking about what it's like really to be a great city."

Vatheuer is known for his motto, "Less talk, more action," and shies away from the term "volunteer." "I just believe in being part of a community," he said. "That means you're going to do something worth while."

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1 in 6 ER visits or hospital stays triggers 'surprise' bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roughly one in every six times someone is taken to an emergency room or checks in to the hospital, the treatment is followed by a "surprise" medical bill, according to a study released Thursday. And depending on where you live, the odds can be much higher.

The report from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation finds that millions of people with what's considered solid coverage from large employers are nonetheless exposed to "out-of-network" charges that can amount to thousands of dollars. It comes as congressional lawmakers of both parties and the Trump administration move to close the loophole, with a Senate panel scheduled to vote on legislation next week.

A patient's odds of getting a surprise bill vary greatly depending on the state he or she lives in. Texas seems like a bit of a gamble, with 27% of emergency room visits and 38% of in-network hospital stays triggering at least one such bill. Minnesota looks safer, with odds of 2% and 3%, respectively. Researcher Karen Pollitz of the Kaiser Foundation said the reasons for such wide differences are not entirely clear, but seem to be related to the breadth of hospital and doctor networks in each state, and the ways those networks are designed.

Patients in New York, Florida, New Jersey and Kansas were also more likely to get surprise bills. Among the other states where it was least likely were South Dakota, Nebraska, Maine and Mississippi.

Averaging the results nationwide, 18 percent of emergency room visits and 16 percent of stays at an in-network hospital triggered a surprise bill for patients with health insurance through a large employer, the study estimated.

"That illustrates the need for Congress to get involved, said Pollitz, since large-employer plans are regulated by federal law and surprise billing protections already enacted by states like New York do not apply to them.

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CALENDAR

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TODAY, JUNE 20

- Beekeepers of Kittitas County, 6:30 a.m., The Damman School, Ellensburg
- Tai Chi Quan For Better Balance, 9 a.m., Stan Bassett Youth Center, 406 E. Capitol Ave., Ellensburg
- Free-Form Faceting, 9 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Pine Needle Basketry, 9 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Take off pounds sensibly, 9:30 a.m., Mercer Creek Church Room 15, Ellensburg
- Yakima Memory Care Cafe, 10 a.m., Newsroom Westpark, 4001 Summitview Ave., Yakima
- Genealogy (Family Tree Climbing), 10 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group, 2 p.m., Hal Holmes Community Center, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg
- Alcoholics Anonymous — There is a Solution, 6 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Celebrate recovery, 6:30 p.m., Mercer Creek Church Fellowship Hall, Ellensburg
- Al-Anon: Literature for Progress, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 1307 E. Third Ave., Ellensburg

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- Morning Exercise, 8 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Wood Carving, 9 a.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL), 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Pinochle, 1 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 506 S. Pine St., Ellensburg
- Child & Babysitting Safety Class, 3 p.m., Cle Elum Fire Department, 301 Pennsylvania Ave., Cle Elum
- Community Volleyball, 6:30 p.m., Cle Elum City Park, 519 W. Second St., Cle Elum
- Alcoholics Anonymous — Rocketed into the 4th dimension, 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church (at B St.), 101 W. 12th Ave., Ellensburg

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- Alcoholics Anonymous — 6:30AM Group, 6:30 a.m., Palace Cafe, Canyon Room, 323 N. Main St., Ellensburg
- First Aid & CPR/AED Class, 9 a.m., Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue No. 29, 400 E. Mountain View Ave., Ellensburg
- Operating Engineers Top Hand Competition and Open House, 10 a.m., Operating Engineers Training Center, 16921 Vantage Highway, Ellensburg
- Pedals 'n Pints 2019, noon, Mule & Elk Brewing Co, 418 E. First St., Suite 7, Cle Elum
- Sip & Craft: Sign Painting, 1 p.m., Wheel Line Cider, 15730 Upper Badger Pocket Road, Ellensburg
- A talk on electrified rail transportation by Bill Moyer of Solutionary Rail, 1 p.m., Hal Holmes Center, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg

BIRTHDAYS

Send birthday announcements before noon the day before the birthday. Just call 925-1414 x249 or email newsroom@knews.com.

TODAY, JUNE 20

- Jean Bowman
- Sierra Dunn
- Doug Kern
- Emily Marie Panattoni
- Larry Pasco Sr.
- Ashley Foster
- Brandon Van Vleck
- Jack Whitehurst

Are you ready for the country?

Patriot Night Under the Lights promises to go off with a bang

By **RODNEY HARWOOD**
staff writer

Talk about your auspicious beginnings. Kady Porterfield kicked off her new gig as the director of the Kittitas Valley Event Center with dramatic flare. The first concert she ever went to as a 9-year-old was country star Tracy Lawrence. Fast forward that a little bit to today. So who's the first musical act she ever booked on her own? Yep, you guessed it — Tracy Lawrence.

Lawrence will make his Ellensburg debut on the Fourth of July as the featured entertainer for Patriot Night Under the Lights at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. The night will include food, beer gardens, fireworks, big time country music, and a Corona After Party in Behind the Chutes party with Johnny Cash and June Carter tribute band, Folsom Prism from the Bellevue area.

It's a big undertaking right out of the chute, but the Kittitas Valley Event Center staff hit the ground running and America's birthday promises to be a night to remember said Porterfield, who is a former agriculture department manager with the Central Washington Fair Association.

"It's funny how it worked out with Tracy Lawrence being the first show I ever saw and the first show I've ever booked on my own," Porterfield said. "There's been a lot of moving parts



Country music star Tracy Lawrence will make his Ellensburg debut on the Fourth of July at the Patriot Night Under the Lights celebration at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.



putting it all together, a lot of tiny details, but it's going to be a good show and a great night."

Lawrence is an established country music singer, songwriter, and producer who was born in Texas and raised in Arkansas. He began his career in Nashville in 1991, signing with Atlantic Records Nashville. He's charted more than 40 singles and released 14 studio albums. Lawrence found his biggest success in 1993 with a release called "Alibis" and then again with "Time Marches On" in 1996.

He won Top New Male Vocalist from Billboard in 1992 and from Academy of Country Music in 1993, and Vocal Event of the Year from the Country Music Association in 2007.

"I have some connections, so it was nice to hear he was available. He really likes the audience partici-

IF YOU GO

What: Patriot Night Under the Lights
When: 7 p.m., July 4
Where: Kittitas Valley Event Center

Details: Tracy Lawrence, scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$30 for floor seating, \$25 for grandstand, available at www.eventbrite.com or the Kittitas Valley Event Center box office

ipation and should only be a few feet from the audience with the way the stage will be set up," Porterfield said. "He's never been to Ellensburg before or even to the area, so this will be something new for him and we're really excited about that."

Doors open at 7 p.m. with food vendors and beer gardens available. Concert presented by Mike's Hard and White Claw starts at 8:30 p.m. with fireworks beginning promptly after. The first Patriot Night Under the Lights at the Kittitas Valley Event Center will dance into the night with the Corona After Party in Behind the Chutes party.

NEWS BRIEFS

CWU hires new registrar, starts July 16

Central Washington University has hired Arturo Torres as the university's new Registrar, according to a news release.

Torres, who previously served as an assistant registrar at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will begin on July 16.

Torres began his career in higher education in 2005 as an administrative assistant in the Office of the Registrar at Nevada State College in Las Vegas. He later moved to the same office at UNLV, where he oversaw academic scheduling as well as document management, ticketing management, and the registrar social media and website.

Torres earned his BA in Public Administration, Law Enforcement from Nevada State College in 2013, and his MA in Public Administration, Non-Profit Management from UNLV in 2015.

The Registrar's Office is responsible for student registration and enrollment, degree check-out, transfer articulation, and student record information.



Torres

KCSO Sergeant Steve Panattoni to retire

Kittitas County Sheriff's Sergeant Steve Panattoni is retiring on June 30 after serving 36 years, according to a news release from the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office.

Panattoni started as an ORV deputy in 1983 working his way up to the rank of sergeant. Prior to being hired, he was a reserve deputy and also a correction officer. He was a line sergeant and well as a supervisor for the major crime unit, a firearms instructor as well as a coordinator for the reserve deputy program. He worked for several years as the operations sergeant supervising clerical staff, courthouse security and managing operations. Most recently he served as the interim Commander of the Correctional Facility.

"Panattoni was instrumental in many positive changes at the Sheriff's Office. I am proud to say that his experience, positive attitude and professionalism have been passed on to many deputies and reserve officers that he has supervised and mentored over his career. He was a real asset to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens that we serve," said Kittitas County Sheriff Gene Dana in the release.

— Daily Record staff

Bills/from A1

"This is a prominent problem affecting patients, and it is beyond the reach of state laws to fix, and it is by definition beyond the ability of patients to fix on their own," she said.

BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION

Next Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee plans to vote on bipartisan legislation that would limit what patients can be charged to their in-network deductibles and copays. The bill from Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., would require insurers to pay out-of-network doctors and hospitals the median — or midpoint — rate paid to in-network providers. The House Energy and Commerce committee is working on similar legislation. President Donald Trump has said he wants to sign a bill.

Major industry lobbies are going to battle over the issue. Insurers and employers generally favor the approach the Alexander-Murray bill takes on how to pay out-of-network providers, using an in-network rate as the reference point. But hospitals and doctors instead want disputed bills to go to arbitration. New York has an arbitration system and a recent study found it has worked well. However, some lawmakers are concerned that on a national scale it may lead to a costly new bureaucracy.

Surprise bills can come about in different ways. In an emergency, a patient can wind up at a hospital that's not in their insurer's network. Even at an in-network hospital, emergency physicians or anesthesiologists may not have a contract with the patient's insurer. For a scheduled surgery at an in-network hospital, not all the doctors may be in the patients' plan.

Street/from A1

He also believes that work should be continuous, hence the continued beautification of other downtown areas, like planting trees at Wye Park.

Kiwanis president Dawn Bass spoke on behalf of the club, including Kip Fox who spearheaded the effort to rename the street, in saying that they could not imagine Kiwanis, let alone Cle Elum without Vatheuer, his wife and their efforts.

"We love you very much," Bass said. "I've never seen the city move faster on a project. It was passed on a Monday and by Wednesday the signs were made."

Originally from Germany, Vatheuer moved to Cle Elum in 1967, after a return stint in Germany from 1961-64, he had seen how most of the damage from



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World War II had been repaired, and wondered why those kind of beautification projects couldn't take place in Cle Elum.

"There wasn't enough interest in improving your environment," Vatheuer said. "It always says most of it is pretty easy and requires a lot of people with good ideas, but also quite a few with carrying out some ideas. ... If you've ever been to Europe most places have lots and lots of trees. To me it's natural."

Cars drive down South Cle Elum Way, now known as "Hartwig Boulevard."

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teaching and learning moments, name one or two things you've taught them - and one or two things they've taught you. "Life is about relationships. When our relationships are not what they should be it will show up in our attitude toward others. Anytime I have to deal with one of my children about an issue of obedience,

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it's okay to be a jack-of-all-trades, but be a master of one."

What do you tell them about developing a work ethic? "At home we have a chore list. All the children get to be on the list. From the time they can do very simple chores, like straitening shoes or putting away toys, to the time they

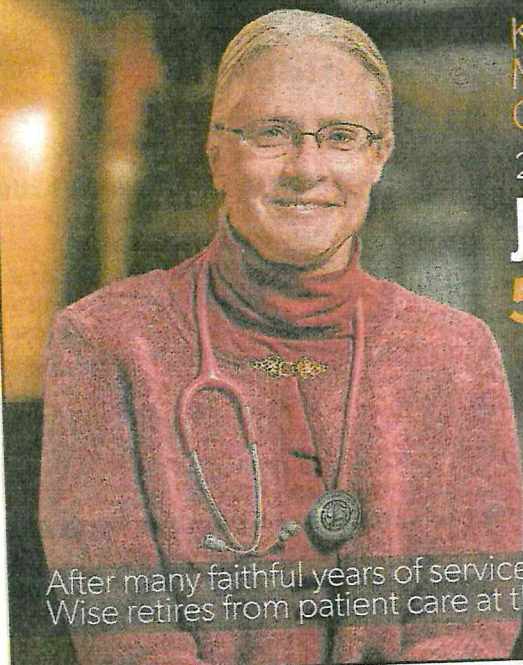
your children to Roslyn city council meetings. What do you tell them about getting involved with the community at an early age? "I want them to see how local government works and how they can make a difference on issues that concern our community. This also applies as we look at government on the state and federal levels."

I understand Lennie home-schools the kids? Why did the two of you decide to go that route? "Children are a gift from God. According to Proverbs 22:6a, He has given us the responsibility to, 'train up a child in the way he should go.'

"I want my children to have a biblical world view and not a secular world view. There is absolute truth and there are moral absolutes. That may not be popular in today's culture, but that is exactly why I don't want culture to shape the minds of the children God has entrusted me with."

What wisdom or truth keeps you going as a father? Maybe it's a motivational quote or two? Maybe some thing from the bible? "I like the

Dr. Wise | Retirement Reception



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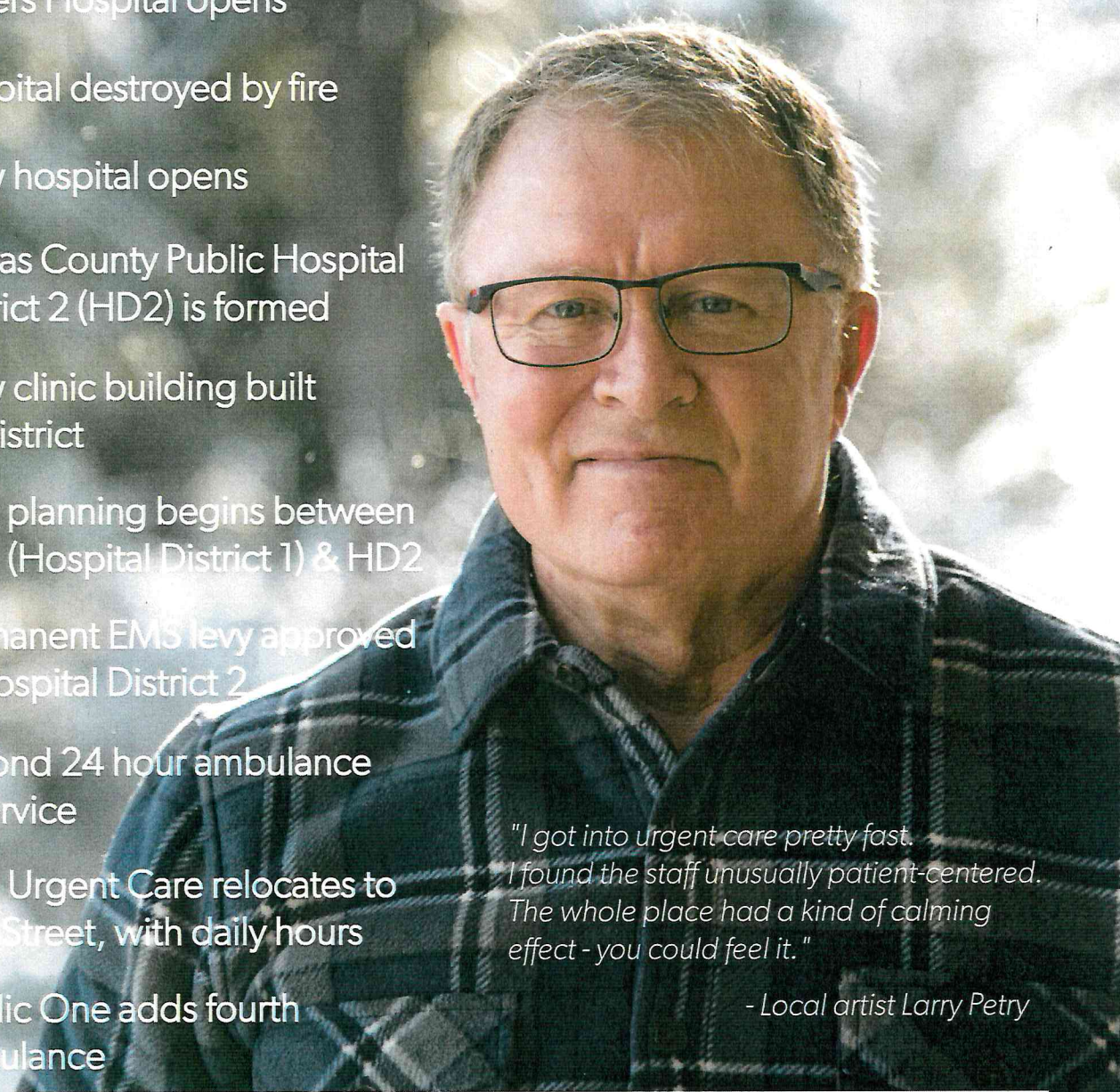
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- 1905** Miners Hospital opens
- 1908** Hospital destroyed by fire
- 1909** New hospital opens
- 1969** Kittitas County Public Hospital District 2 (HD2) is formed
- 1980** New clinic building built by district
- 2004** Joint planning begins between KVH (Hospital District 1) & HD2
- 2015** Permanent EMS levy approved in Hospital District 2
- 2016** Second 24 hour ambulance in service
- 2018** KVH Urgent Care relocates to First Street, with daily hours
- 2019** Medic One adds fourth ambulance

A portrait of Larry Petry, a middle-aged man with glasses and a plaid jacket, looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with trees and sunlight.

"I got into urgent care pretty fast. I found the staff unusually patient-centered. The whole place had a kind of calming effect - you could feel it."

- Local artist Larry Petry

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