

HUMBOLDT GENERAL HOSPITAL
COMMUNITY GIVING COMMITTEE

September 7, 2018 Meeting
Sonoma Conference Room

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jennifer Hood, Co-Chairman
Nicole Maher, Co-Chairman
JoAnn Casalez, Trustee Representative
Darlene Bryan, Member
Hannah Kohler, HGHEC President

COMMITTEE ABSENT:

Mike Bell, Member
Bryn Echevarria, Member
Madison Waldie, Member

GUESTS:

Lisa Campbell, Great Basin College
Arthur Frable, Humboldt General Hospital
Sandi Lehman, Humboldt General Hospital
Ashley Maden, Winnemucca Publishing
Matt McCarty, Great Basin College Foundation

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-chairman Nicole Maher called the September 7, 2018, meeting of the HGH Community Giving Committee to order at 12:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

BOARD MINUTES:

In the interest of time, the committee opted to wait to approve the board minutes from the August 1, 2018, and August 15, 2018, meetings until the committee's next meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS-OTHER REPORTS:

2. Committee member review and recommendation on Great Basin College (GBC) Foundation presentation and request for Humboldt County Hospital District participation in the funding of the proposed Great Basin College Winnemucca Health Sciences Building project.

Great Basin Foundation Director Matt McCarty shared information regarding the proposed Winnemucca Health Science and Technology Building. Great Basin College submitted a grant request to the William N.

Pennington Foundation to construct the building at a cost of \$7 million. The foundation pledged \$5 million toward the building pending GBC's ability to raise an additional \$2 million before June 30, 2019.

Matt shared that other private contributors including local mines have indicated they would like to see what the hospital pledges to the project before they pledge any donations as part of their 2019 budgets this September/October. At the August 27, 2018, meeting of the Humboldt County Hospital District Board of Trustees, Matt asked the hospital to pledge \$333,000 annually over the next three years toward the project. To date, GBC has raised approximately \$328,000 in hard and soft pledges toward its \$2 million goal, including a \$100,000 pledge from Great Basin College; the foundation has also applied for approximately \$500,000 in donations from other foundations.

The building would allow the college to better accommodate nursing, paramedic and CNA programs in Winnemucca; GBC's bachelor of science in nursing degree will still largely remain online. Approximately 80% of the proposed building would be purposed toward the health science programs while 20% would be dedicated to an Electrical Systems Technology program that would benefit the mines. The building would include dedicated labs, classrooms, a testing center and meeting space. The building is also designed for expansion, especially with regard to technology programs such as welding. Matt also mentioned the college would love to expand its Radiology program; currently the college has x-ray and sonography capabilities. Trustee representation Casalez asked for clarification regarding dedicated building space for the health sciences.

Co-chairman Maher expressed her concern that construction of the building would hurt HGH EMS Rescue. She said the agency is an AHA CPR Training Center and its routine educational offerings not only help shape its workforce, and act as an important recruiting tool, but also help in its role as a healthcare leader in the community. If GBC were to offer competing services, it would not be wise for HGH to first donate toward the building and then lose revenue and reputation due to its competing offerings. Matt said GBC only has plans to continue its Paramedic instruction—which is not part of HGH's curriculum. The college has no intention of offering other types of Emergency Services instruction. Matt said he has spoken with the vice president and president of GBC and both indicated they do not want to do anything to damage the collaborative relationship that has existed between EMS and GBC and that could actually be expanded with the construction of the building.

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Committee member Bryan said the hospital has definitely benefitted from GBC's nursing program. She introduced two possible issues to consider with regard to possibly funding the building: (1) per her latest interviews with HGH's Hanssen Scholarship winners, she is noticing a decline in nursing students who indicate a desire to work locally following graduation; and, (2) the hospital's specialty areas are largely filled leaving nursing positions in med/surg and long-term care, which traditionally are not as favored by

nursing students. Additionally, the hospital needs to fill highly specialized nursing areas such as ICU—a level of instruction which GBC currently does not offer.

The committee invited HGH Chief Financial Officer Sandi Lehman to the meeting to discuss the hospital's financial position. Sandi said she has two concerns with regard to ensuring the hospital's fiscal responsibility: (1) HGH is not projected to have an operating gain in Fiscal Year 2019; and, (2) the hospital is in the process of purchasing a new electronic medical records system, which could cost between \$7 and \$9 million when considering the licensing/hardware/training/travel and other requirements, as well as delays in cash flow.

Co-chairman Hood said the committee should provide a recommendation to proceed or not proceed with funding to the HGH Board of Trustees; however, it is the larger board's responsibility to come up with an actual number if they decide to contribute as they will have to decide whether funding should come from operations, tax revenues or net proceeds of mine revenues. Co-chairman Hood also said she was authorized to speak for trustee representative Casalez (who had to leave early) who said she would support the majority position, whatever that is.

Co-chairman Hood said she is fully supportive of the building because she is absolutely supportive of education and its potential to elevate a community.

Co-chairman Maher indicated her support as well from an educational standpoint; she also said the hospital has a responsibility to be the health sciences leader in the community. Co-chairman Maher also disclosed she is an adjunct English instructor with Great Basin College; however, any benefit she would derive from construction of the building is no greater than that of any other community member.

Committee member Bryan said she is supportive of recommending funding at some level, although she acknowledged the board is in a difficult position deciding what the number is.

Committee member Kohler also agreed to recommend funding. She said she has personally benefitted greatly from Great Basin College's offerings and feels the new building will also continue to elevate learning in the community.

The HGH Community Giving Committee did not have a quorum present by the end of the meeting, so members agreed to provide a consensus recommendation to the HGH Board of Trustees at their Monday, September 10, meeting. Trustees Hood and Casalez will add any additional information and members of the committee who are in attendance will lend support and answer any questions.

1. Committee member review and recommendations on: (i) Committee organization, purpose, mission statement, goals; (ii) Committee governance, bylaws, policies, procedures; and, (iii) Committee funding options

Co-chairman Maher said the Humboldt County Hospital District approved the committee's funding request from the August 27, 2018, meeting in the amount of \$50,000. The group has received funding

requests from Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services and R.S.V.P.; she will forward the committee's official application to both entities so they can apply in the correct manner and through the correct channels. The group can consider both applications at the next meeting, which will likely be held in October 2018.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no committee comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Committee co-chairman Maher adjourned the September 7, 2018, meeting of the HGH Community Giving Committee at 1:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jennifer Hood, Committee Chairman

Nicole Maher, Committee Co-Chairman