

**Orcas Island Health Care District
TOWN HALL MEETING #1**

Discussion Outline

October 5, 2019

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue Eastsound Firehall

3 – 5 PM

I. OIHCD Top Priorities

- a. Ensure that quality, island-appropriate primary, urgent, and after-hours care is available to all members of the community in a financially sustainable and cost-effective manner.

II. What We Hoped to Deliver (2018-19)

- a. Cost – minimize impact on taxpayers and stay below \$.75 max
- b. Services – ensure access to quality primary and urgent care, and after-hours care, is available to all visitors and full-time/part-time residents
- c. Building/Equipment – maintain the Orcas Clinic and ensure both clinics are providing the services needed

III. What We Have Been Able to Provide (2018-19)

- a. Cost – set budget which resulted in millage rate just under \$.65/1,000
- b. Services – access to quality primary and urgent care during clinic hours
- c. Building/Equipment – purchased Lab Grade Refrigerator/Freezer for both Clinics and implemented a shared x-ray procedure to manage equip cost and maintain service

IV. What We Identified as Long-Term Risks

- a. Higher than expected subsidies for both Clinics
- b. Collaboration and coordination between Clinics, as well as between EMS
- c. Lack of dependable access to physically accessible provider after-hours
- d. Higher than anticipated building repair and maintenance costs
- e. Concerns over age and condition of equipment; duplication of replacement costs

V. What is the Impact of the Risks

- a. Long-term sustainability needs to remain property taxing limit
- b. Building costs could exceed long-term bond capacity, leaving nothing for other capital improvements
- c. Cost and resources aren't sustainable to deliver after-hours coverage in a two-clinic model
- d. Clinic subsidies aren't sustainable at the current rate of increase

VI. What the OIHCD Board Doing to Address the Risks

- a. Hired a Consultant to assess federal designation options that improve reimbursement rates (e.g. Rural Health Clinic, Federally Qualified Health Center)
- b. Determine additional criteria to use in evaluating options
- c. Assess pros/cons of each option within the framework of the Orcas Island community needs
- d. Identify optimal structure (e.g. one or two clinic model)

VII. Next Steps - OIHCD

- a. Gather information and feedback to determine path forward
 - i. Community feedback
 - ii. Clinic feedback
 - iii. Industry experts
- b. Assess possible affiliations (e.g. Family Care Network)
- c. Determine timeline and implementation schedule for any change in structure, affiliation or other

VIII. Next Steps - Community

- a. Actively engage in Board/Special meetings
 - i. October 15th Regular Board meeting
 - ii. October 28th Special Board meeting/Town Hall
 - iii. November 5th Regular Board meeting/Budget & Levy Hearings
- b. Leave feedback in Suggestion Box
- c. Contact Commissioners or Superintendent Presson
 - i. Contact information on website www.orcashealth.org

Other Resources:

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/FQHC-Text-Only-Factsheet.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Rural-Health-Clinic-Text-Only.pdf>