

## Orcas Island Health Care District

### Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Orcas Island Public Library  
500 Rose St, Eastsound, WA 98245

Or online via Zoom:

#### Join Zoom Meeting

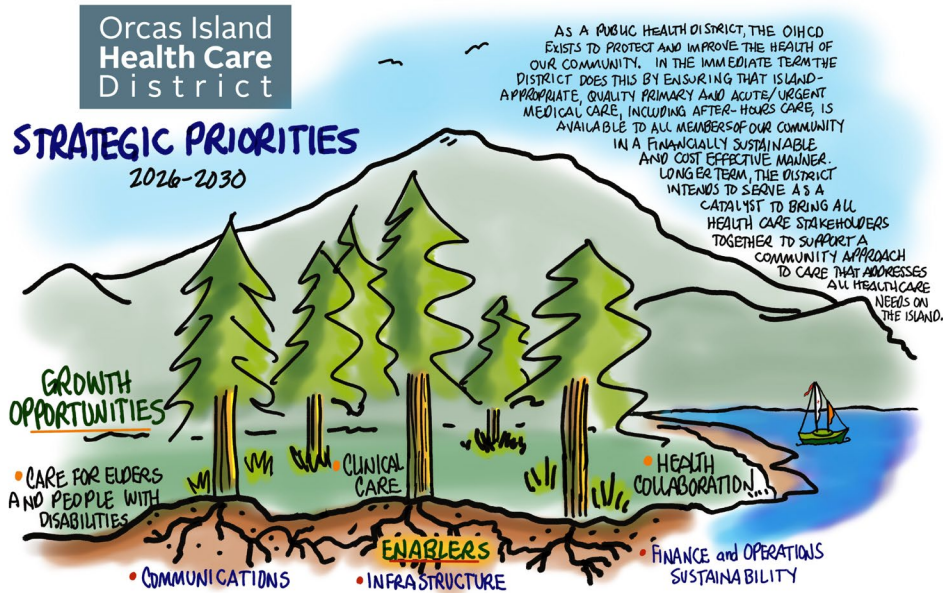
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### Agenda

- I. **Call To Order – Regular Board Meeting** President Salierno
- II. **Land Acknowledgement & Mission Minute**
- III. **Special Meeting Public Comment** President Salierno  
*Comments received via email will be read by the Superintendent. Meeting participants will be asked to raise their hand and will be called on to deliver their comment.*  
  
*Generally, the Commissioners do not respond to specific comments or engage in dialogue during the public comment period; however, the President may direct staff to follow up with the speaker as appropriate. Public comment is for members of the public to inform the Board of their views regarding Board business.*
- IV. **Island Health Quarterly Presentation** Colin Walker
- V. **Consent Agenda – Action** President Salierno
  - a. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – 07/22,2026**
  - b. **AP Voucher Report – 07/28/2026 - \$678,324.76**
  - c. **AP Voucher Report – 08/11/2026 - \$69,762.56**
  - d. **AP Voucher Report – 08/25/2026 - \$36,747.19**

**Action:** *Approve Consent Agenda*
- VI. **Superintendent Report** Superintendent Chord  
**July 2026 Financial Report**  
  
**2026 Strategic Priority Areas:**  
**Enablers –**
  - a. **Communications**
    - i. OIHCD Newsletter launched 07/13. Second issue sent in August about strategic planning.

- ii. Social Media posts are happening roughly 1x a week. Working to repost other health related posts from other organizations.



**b. Infrastructure**

- i. Clinic Expansion Town Hall was well attended – overall requests to understand the budget and total cost more definitively
- ii. DLR will finalize design development documents and then we will seek a Pre-construction contract with a General Contractor to help get an initial estimate for the clinic project cost as designed, and any alternatives based on budget
- iii. Town Hall postponed until Late October/Early November to allow for time to complete pre-construction contract
- iv. Met with Debt Financing Legal Counsel to discuss next steps
- v. Evaluated other Debt Financing contract proposals and recommend continuing to work with PFM
- vi. Working with Katie Newman on non-public financing options, grant opportunities and legislative asks
- vii. Met with Maintenance worker and are beginning list of projects

**c. Finance & Operations Sustainability**

- i. Ellen and Accountant have the finances in a good place
- ii. Working on separating Trillium's ACH and district benefits costs into correct budget line items

**Growth Opportunities -**

**d. Care for Elders and People with Disabilities**

- i. Katie Raebel is helping with home health shortage area designation – created a list of packet items we need to collect to submit to the state

- ii. Mobile Integrated Health is reviewing care coordination platforms, and finalizing job descriptions for the RN and EMT roles
- iii. Caregiver Collaborative continues to meet monthly, with the next four months of education topics planned
- iv. Trillium & Chris met with Vashon Village to discuss village to village network structure, and with San Juan Mullis Center to discuss their caregiver directory
- e. **Clinical Care**
  - i. General Surgery has begun to come to visit the island 1x a month for consults, which they would like more promotion around
  - ii. Front Desk staff members have returned from various leaves, and a new 0.6 FTE back-up role has been hired.
  - iii. Two RNs have been hired at the clinic, and one MA; Still one MA opening
- f. **Health Collaboration**
  - i. Community Health Network Steering Committee is working on long-term funding for the project, including seeking North Sound ACH funding, AWPMD funding and other avenues
  - ii. Request to each hospital district to contribute to the collaborative, with a match from AWPMD.
  - iii. September 17<sup>th</sup> semi-annual convening on Lopez
- g. **Operations Committee**
  - i. Discussed clinic access data and availability of same-day/next-day appointments
  - ii. Discussed staff challenges from community social media commentary
- h. **After hours/EMS Committee**
  - i. Discussed increase in Fire Hall walk-ins and collaboration with clinic
  - ii. Reviewed MIH program development

**VII. New Business –**

- a. **Resolution 2026-05: Reimbursement Resolution**
  - i. Potential Action: Approve Resolution 2026-05
- b. **PFM Debt Financing Consulting**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve PFM Debt Financing Support
- c. **High Point Realty - Grants/Legislative Request Supports**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve High Point Realty Support of Grants/Legislative work
- d. **Island Primary Care – Orcas Professional Development Support**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve professional development support for clinic staff
- e. **Community Health Network – Hospital District Matching Support**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve Orcas contribution to CHN support
- f. **Pre-Construction Contracting**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve Finance/facilities planning committee authority to contract for Pre-Construction Contract

**VIII. 2027 Draft Budget First Review**

- a. Schedule for future reviews

**IX. Public Comment**

President Salierno

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**X. Upcoming Meetings & Activities - Information**

- a. **Community Health Network Convening** – Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>
- b. **New Provider Meet & Greet** – Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- c. **OIHCD Regular Board Meeting** – Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**XI. Adjourn – Action**

President Salierno

*Land Acknowledgement:*

*We acknowledge that Orcas Island is the traditional land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi and Samish tribes. They have lived here and cared for this land for generations, and they continue to do so today. We honor their connection to this place.*

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|  <b>Give land back to Indigenous communities</b>                                                                                                                                               |  <b>Invest in tribal communities</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
|  <b>Protect the environment and salmon. Tribal cultures depend on them</b>                                                                                                                    |  <b>Challenge and reject all stereotypes about Indigenous people</b>                                                                                                                   |
|  <b>Insist that the United States respect tribal sovereignty and uphold its trust responsibility to tribes, which includes appropriate levels of federal funding to support tribal needs</b> |  <b>Insist that your children and grandchildren are taught accurate information about the histories, cultures, and contemporary lives of Indigenous peoples in your school system</b> |
|  <b>Many promises to tribes still need to be kept</b>                                                                                                                                        |  <b>Inform yourself about issues impacting Indigenous communities and speak up</b>                                                                                                    |
|  <b>Elect officials and judges that understand tribal governments, relationships, and law</b>                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

*Mission Minute:*

*Thanks to community supporters*