**LWV Observer Corps\*: Public Hospital District # 1 (PHD) Meeting October 26, 2022**

The Commission approved **a grant for** Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, for three month’s **training for the Nurse Practitioner hired for the Friday Harbor Planned Parenthood Clinic.** Her training will involve travel to Bellingham, and when completed will allow her to operate the Friday Harbor Clinic three days a week plus telemedicine options.

Cynthia Stark-Wickman submitted her report on projects for the San Juan Island Prevention Coalition. The Strengthening Families Program focuses on family skills trainings. She presented 10th grade data that indicated a downward trend for substance abuse, with alcohol as the primary substance. **The Commission approved the half yearly grant to the Prevention Coalition.**

The next EMS newsletter is coming soon. **Motorola hand held radios** are **now in use** to address the communication gaps.

In continuing education training, the EMS now has a contract with Providence Everett Hospital to provide **twice yearly hands on intubation training.** EMS Medical Director Dr. Joshua Corso reviews all cases. EMS is renewing state certification. Chief Bishop has reached out to the Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department and hopes to have a joint wilderness training with the Fire Department.

Commissioner  **Leschine-Seitz reported on the Long Term Care Program, which helps disenfranchised patients. She noted more people on Orcas and Lopez have sought help, likely because fewer medical services are available there. Funding is via a grant that ends in August 2023; there is no funding from Medicare or Medicaid.**

Two Commissioners met with pediatrician Dr. Mark Fishout to discuss **youth health care** needs, and also met with Jennifer Armstrong, director of the Family Resource Center to discuss the **Community Health Care Program.** Ms. Armstrong noted that Peace Island Medical Center provided mammograms to 15 women who never had a mammogram before.

Superintendant Butler noted that an Accountability Month is needed to check for gaps in HPAA and public records training.

The Commission voted to **rescind and modify COVID emergency resolutions.**

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