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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk *JB*

FROM: Michele Turner, Borough Clerk Assistant *MT*

DATE: May 3, 2011

RE: Ordinance 2010-19-40; Authorizing and Appropriating Funds for Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. to Purchase Computerized Provider Order Entry and Continuity of Care Document Exchange Systems

The Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. Board reviewed the subject ordinance at its March 31, 2011 meeting.

Please amend the 6th Whereas of Ordinance 2010-19-40 to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the CPGH, Inc., Board at its March [30] 31, 2011, meeting approved the purchase of the Computerized Provider Order Entry and Continuity of Care Document Exchange Systems from the CPGH, Inc. Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund; and

Further, the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board reviewed the subject ordinance at its May 2, 2011 special meeting.

Please amend the 7th Whereas of Ordinance 2010-19-40 to fill in the blanks as follows:

WHEREAS, the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board at its May 2, 2011 special meeting recommended approval without objection ;

Thank you for your consideration.

Subject: FW: KPB O2010-19-40

From: Nettles, Terri [mailto:tnettles@cpgh.org]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: RE: KPB O2010-19-40

The Board approved the resolution.

Thanks

Terri Nettles
CEO/Board Assistant
Central Peninsula Hospital
907-714-4721

From: Turner, Michele [mailto:MicheleTurner@borough.kenai.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 3:01 PM
To: Nettles, Terri
Subject: KPB O2010-19-40

Hi Terri,

KPB Ordinance 2010-19-40 is being heard at tomorrow night's assembly meeting. We have a fill-in-the-blank regarding the Inc Board's actions at their 3/31/11 meeting and are not sure how it should be completed. I have attached a copy of our ordinance for your ready reference.

<<O2010-19-40.pdf>>

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Michele Turner
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7. HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The representatives of the Central Peninsula Hospital Administration present had no comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS/Action Agenda

Ordinance 2010-19-40: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL, INC., TO PURCHASE COMPUTERIZED PROVIDER ORDER ENTRY AND CONTINUITY OF CARE DOCUMENT EXCHANGE SYSTEMS. Jane Stein made a MOTION to approve the Ordinance for purpose of discussion and forward it to the Assembly for their review. Neal DuPerron seconded the MOTION and discussion followed.

Jason Paret explained that as part of health care reform, hospitals are mandated to have meaningful use within their information systems, with financial incentives for achieving same on time and penalties for noncompliance. The computerized physician order entry system will allow doctors to enter orders and medications directly without passing the information through a nurse or series of staff members, reducing errors and reducing total outlays on costs. Jane Stein asked if this actually reduces errors, and Mr. Paret confirmed that it did. Mr. Dyson asked if this was related to the security issues discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Paret said that it was not. Margaret Gilman asked if this would reduce the total cost of health care nationally, and Mr. Paret stated that it would over time. Margaret Gilman asked how quickly savings would recoup the initial cost outlay. Mr. Paret stated that the federal government would be reimbursing \$2.4 million over time for this system, and it was estimated that all the costs of the system would be reimbursed by 2013.

Mr. DuPerron asked for unanimous on the question:

Do you want to approve Ordinance 2010-19-40 and forward it to the Mayor and the Assembly for their review?

Without objection, the motion passed.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

10. STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gene Dyson asked that the Service Area Board be given an overview at the next meeting of what's transpired on the task force. Margaret Gilman said it would be added to the agenda.

Neal DuPerron reported that the ordinance which the Service Area Board voted on at the last meeting was not on the Assembly's Agenda the next night, but instead there was a \$750,000 item upon which the Service Area Board did not have an opportunity to comment. When Mr. DuPerron became aware of Ordinance 2010-19-40 and that the Service Area Board had not yet had the opportunity to consider it, he asked that a special meeting be scheduled.