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FW: ORDINANCE 2016-22

From: David Groesbeck [<mailto:david.groesbeck@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 3:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: ORDINANCE 2016-22

Good Afternoon,

Please forward to the members pf the KPB Assembly.

Honorable Members of the KPB Assembly:

My name is David Groesbeck and I live at 67513 Agusta Lane in Homer.

I am concerned that the Assembly is considering a proposal to re-draw the common boundary between the Central Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Peninsula Service Area resulting in a significant loss of revenue to the SPH Capital Budget that is necessary to provide quality care locally to residents of the southern portion of the Borough.

It is important to note that residents from Clam Gulch and Ninilchik, who are impacted by any shift in the service area boundary, will continue to be obligated to the bond debt incurred previously by the service area.

SPH has served, and continues to serve residents of Clam Gulch and Ninilchik. It is important to note that the number of patients continues to grow.

In FY'14 SPH treated 245 residents from Ninilchik and Clam Gulch on 939 separate visits.

In FY'15, SPH treated 250 residents on 917 separate visits.

In the first 10 months of FY'16, SPH treated 278 residents in its Homer facilities on 911 separate visits.

SPH is a first rate hospital that is approaching 21st Century standards. The proposed initiative to move the service area boundary south will jeopardize our hospital's ability to continue to meet the challenges that the changing healthcare landscape poses to our hospital and borough residents in the South.

I urge you to oppose Ordinance 2016-22 by voting no.

Thank you.

David Groesbeck

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Subject: FW: Ordinance 2016-22 - Do not change the service areas

Importance: High

From: Karen Zak [<mailto:exdir@homer.alaska.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 4:12 PM

To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk

Subject: Ordinance 2016-22 - Do not change the service areas

Importance: High

I understand that the Assembly is considering to move the boundary lines of the service area of the hospitals. I have heard estimated of revenue loses anywhere from \$200,000 to \$ 500,000 per year for South Peninsula Hospital (SPH). SPH services some of the lowest economic families of the Kenai Peninsula who do not carry commercial insurance or any insurance and they cannot pay except maybe a stipend once in a while.

The loss of the funds would mean loss of staff (and it took many years to get the amount and type of doctors of various skills needed for the community), the loss of new equipment without a long-term waiting period, and the loss of services. There is a huge retirement community here in Homer and the surrounding area and the residents have chosen Homer as their home, based on the quality and quantity of services the SPH provides. This will also affect young families we are so desperately recruiting to the community. To change the boundary and services provided will put undo burden of travel, time-off and stress to those residents that depend upon the services of the SPH.

Please don't vote to move the boundary lines of the service area hospitals.

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Subject:

FW: Proposed boundary changes

From: Teresa Johnson [<mailto:tjohnson@homermedical.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 4:40 PM

To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk

Subject: Proposed boundary changes

Dear Members,

Please accept this opposition statement to the proposed Common Service Boundary Move (Ordinance 2016-22) between SPH and CPGH.

I echo and fully support Dr. Spencer, Dr. Fliepeck and Dr. Smith's opposition statements.

It has been the hard work and determination of many individuals, both here at SPH, and at Ninilchik Clinic to establish a partnership for excellent care for the Ninilchik service community. There many people are able to receive care who would otherwise might not have access to excellent medical care.

The proposed boundary move has the following negative consequences:

---Most of the proposed boundary line locations run through some part of Ninilchik and would cause an unnecessary divide within the town and split the community based on new geographic lines.

---The new proposed lines would cause a major reduction in the SPH capital budget. Without appropriate funds, it is much more difficult for people to receive local care, updating equipment and improving quality, recruiting and retention of providers may all be in jeopardy.

---The services provided by Dr. Sarah Spencer with her specialty in addiction treatment are crucial as has been identified in community health assessments. Changes with the boundaries may affect the clinics she offers for the south Kenai Peninsula as the relationship with the clinic is crucially linked to SPH.

---We see a large number of patients from the Ninilchik area both at the clinic and in the hospital. This new proposal may make them feel like they are not seen as valued.

---The new proposal is not even going to be voted on by residents who will be negatively impacted by a reduction in tax support. Soldatna and Kenai residents are the ones who vote on it.

Please place on-going value on the established excellent care and established partnership between Ninilchik Tribal Clinic and South Peninsula Hospital, by opposing this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Appreciatively,

Teresa K Johnson MD
Acute Care Medical Director

Subject:

FW: voting preference

-----Original Message-----

From: Jean Ann Henry [<mailto:akhenry1949@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 7:50 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni

Subject: voting preference

Hi Johni,

Please vote no on ordinance 2016-24. Lets give our seniors a break.

Thanks

Jean Ann Henry

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 4:57 PM
To: Assembly
Cc: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Name: Sarah Roberts MD

Email: sarah@homermedical.org

Subject: Ordinance 2016-22 to Move the Common Boundary between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area South

Message:

I am a physician provider at SPH and am proud to serve patient on the Kenai Peninsula. However, this ordinance threatens our community and its ability to serve those in need. SPH needs to maintain the borders as they are currently stand to continue to function as a cohesive and comprehensive medical facility. In addition, I feel the loss of Dr. Spencer that would result if this ordinance passes would be a huge disappointment for the community as well. She has worked hard to improve the medical care in Ninilchik and to remove that support would be careless and irresponsible. Please do NOT support the ordinance change as we physician providers on the Peninsula care about our community and continuing to serve them as is.

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