

Watchmen Ministry North Idaho Voter Guide for Pend Oreille Hospital District

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Question	Julie Berreth	Dolores "Dodie" Glass	Thomas L Lawrence	Helen Parsons	Jessie Peters
<p>2. How could the hospital be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>a. Trying to find clarity and transparency of the functions of the Hospital District. b. Breakdown on how the disbursements for each bank draft affects each clinic. c. To understand the health needs of this community</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>I feel very strongly that the healthcare needs of our taxing district need to be assessed. I am not clear from my current vantage point if, when, and how thoroughly this has happened. There needs to then be a clear, well-articulated, and well-communicated plan about how the spending of tax dollars flows to positively impact the health and wellness of our communities.</p>
<p>3. What would your overall strategy be for the hospital and how do you plan to implement it?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Bonner General Hospital is a private entity. The clinics that the tax base supports are owned by BGH. I would like to see a clearer break down of how the bank drafts are used for each clinic. I understand the community needs for a local hospital, due to being a rural community. I intend to protect the community tax dollar in the interest of quality health care.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>As stated in question #2, health needs must identified, and funds need to flow in that direction.</p>
<p>4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>No, I do not support "Critical Race Theory." I do not understand why we continue to try and divide our lives and communities. Our Christian beliefs should be the basis for how we live our lives.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>I do not support Critical Race Theory. My worldview is one entirely built from the framework of the Bible - as the Word of God and the ultimate, living, Truth. Like the Postmodernism from which Critical Race Theory (CRT) is born... it is, in and of itself, a worldview. A worldview that has aspects contrary to my own. While Christianity and CRT do have a few commonalities (racism and injustice being wrong, and something that should be stood against, etc.) CRT also offers an entire framework of beliefs, describing our identity, defining wrong and right, etc. that I do not agree with and I feel are contrary to a Biblical worldview.</p>

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5. What policies would you recommend to ensure patients receive the treatments they need without creating an excess financial burden by running unnecessary tests?	Declined to Respond	Unfortunately, testing creates income. This is a battle I contend with regularly. A community event with qualified medical professionals to guide and direct people on their health care needs, I think is needed. These have been very stressful times. We need to remove the "fear," that has been generated by some of our local medical professionals and government.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	As a Family Nurse Practitioner, I have a strong value around patient-centered care. I think that patients know themselves best, and the healthcare system should support patients, coming alongside to help ensure improved health outcomes. The goal of all treatments, tests, and healthcare expenses should be to improve the health and wellness of the patient. In other words, good care must demonstrate good outcomes. Excessive spending and duplicate testing do not support good health outcomes. Part of the problem with much of how health care is reimbursed, is that much of it is a volume-driven model instead of a quality-driven model.
6. What qualities would you look for in a Hospital CEO and why?	Declined to Respond	A CEO involved in the trenches of the Hospital. Our hospital is small there is no reason for not understanding and hearing the needs of the staff and the community.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	The Hospital District Board of Trustees does not have a voice in the choice of Hospital CEO, so the question is not relevant to the Hospital District Board of Trustees position.
7. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing fees? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Declined to Respond	We have been in unprecedented times with Covid. BGH shut down Home Health, Cardiac rehab, wound clinic and diabetic clinic without warning to the staff. I was working in Hospice at the time. Small hospital communities around the country suffered. I still can't help but believe that the hospital was suffering financially before Covid.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	It would depend on the current details of the said budget, the deficit, the spending, and the fees.
8. How would you encourage transparency to the taxpayers?	Declined to Respond	Budget should be published.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	There needs to be well-articulated and well-communicated plan of how the dollars passed through the Hospital District Board are being spent, and why.
9. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No, I do not support legalization of marijuana. We don't know all the "Risk's" involved with marijuana use. it's not FDA approved. There is no test to determine how impaired a person is at this time.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Not relevant to the Hospital District Board of Trustees position.
10. What does the term "equitable outcome" mean to you?	Declined to Respond	Our constitution states all people are created equal. You can't have equal opportunity and equal outcome at the same time. Each individual should be responsible for their outcome. This is something that we have lost sight of.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Not relevant to the Hospital District Board of Trustees position.

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<p>11. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>I have my Masters in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I have worked in a large Level I trauma hospital to small community hospitals. I recently worked for Bonner General Hospital Hospice Program as a Nurse. This job allowed me to learn about all areas of this rural community. I saw the needs of those underserved.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>As a Family Nurse Practitioner, I have over a decade of healthcare leadership. I have pioneered rural clinics, led healthcare nonprofits, and have served on an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) board for hospital systems. I have personally cared for underserved patients and developed care-delivery systems to combat healthcare disparities in rural communities.</p>