

Watchmen Voter Guide for Pend Oreille Hospital District

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	<u>Cynthia Buse</u>	Barton D. Casey	Timothy A. Cochran	James K. Frank	Dwayne E. Sheffler
<p>1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</p>	<p>My name is Cynthia Buse. I am running as a strong, truly conservative candidate for Pend Oreille Hospital District (POHD) for the selected part of Bonner County, North Idaho. My goal is to monitor and allocate spending with equitable outcomes that cuts out unnecessary, ineffective, and non-transparent expenditures. My votes and motions on the POHD board will reflect my conservative stance, most of which involves wise tax dollar spending.</p>	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
<p>2. How could the hospital be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.</p>	<p>The POHD may improve by: Curbing special interests and preventing Big Pharma and corporate dictated policies. This includes not accepting money from Big Pharma and corporate parties, especially those that present conflict of interests. Also, focusing on better medical diagnostic skills. Of utmost importance is allowing physicians to do their job with less run around and interference of dictated policies. Patient care is always the driving focus, and not the interests or financial incentives of Big Pharma. Always ensuring that potential and real conflicts of interest do not shroud good medical care.</p>	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
<p>3. What would your overall strategy be for the hospital and how do you plan to implement it?</p>	<p>Since the POHD is a separate entity from Bonner County General Hospital (BCGH), my position is specifically to watch over the expenditures of taxpayer funds in Bonner County. BCGH has its own private board. The PHOD is the elected position I seek.</p>	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
<p>4. What policies would you recommend to ensure patients receive the treatments they need without creating an excess financial burden by running unnecessary tests?</p>	<p>I have not yet had the privilege to review BCGH policies nor is this the direct purview of POHD. However, I would recommend an honest, dedicated approach to each patient, and always "Do No Harm".</p>	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received

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5. What qualities would you look for in a Hospital CEO and why?	This also is not within scope of POHD, however, the qualities of a Hospital CEO should include: Dedication to proven humane and effective health care; health care that is free from financial and commercial conflict of interests.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
6. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing fees? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Cutting spending is the clear place to start; determining the reasons that caused the deficit in the first place. Creating an appropriate budget is crucial; a budget that is not “stacked” or lacks transparency. Taxpayer funded entities that use as much money as possible with little to no accountability are the things to stop and prevent.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
7. How would you encourage transparency to the Taxpayer?	Transparency is created through timely and competent systems for citizens to easily gain access to board members. Board members are responsible for serving their community. The board works for the citizens, and NOT the other way around.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
8. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	I do not support the legalization of marijuana. When legalized in other states, this has promoted the decay of society. Especially the youth who are the future of our country and world.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
9. What does the term “equitable outcome” mean to you?	Equitable outcome is best described as “win-win”. The medical industry has lost its heart. Patients and their families must be served in a respectful and healing manner. Health + Care is the opposite of a “medical maze”.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received
10. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	My background is public service in the policing and detective sectors. I have owned and operated several small and successful businesses. On-going volunteering for my local community is of steadfast importance. I love my country and community and wish to serve to make all shine. This qualifies me because being on the POHD board is a public service position. I am well-versed in investigating and reporting issues and seeing them through as beneficial to the public. It would be my pleasure to serve and with your vote, I may do so with strong, true conservative values as my unwavering foundation.	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received	No Response Received