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### **Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding HOSPITALS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE PAC PDC Case 169863**

I, Chelene Whiteaker, as Treasurer  
(Printed Name of Respondent's Representative) (Printed Title)

of Hospitals for a Healthy Future PAC (the Committee), hereby acknowledge that during calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file C-3 and C-4 reports.

The facts are as follows:

- The Committee was registered as a continuing political action committee during calendar years 2022 to 2025 under the "Full Reporting" option and was required to disclose contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports.

#### Late C-4 Reports

- The Committee timely submitted an original C-4 report for December 2023 on January 10, 2024, with an ending cash-on-hand balance of \$739,818.21. The December 2023 C-4 report was amended on April 16, 2025, to add previously omitted deposits and to increase the amount of an in-kind contribution, which adjusted the cash-on-hand balance to \$745,200.54. All but one \$250 deposit disclosed late on the C-4 were timely disclosed on C-3 reports. The amended December 2023 C-4 report was submitted 462 days late.
- The Committee timely submitted an original C-4 report for January 2024 on February 12, 2024, disclosing a beginning balance of \$755,187.83. The January 2024 C-4

- report was amended to add previously omitted expenditures made to American Hospital Association PAC totaling \$11,628. The amended January 2024 C-4 report was submitted 430 days late, on April 17, 2025.
- The Committee timely submitted an original C-4 report for December 2024 on January 10, 2025, with an ending cash-on-hand balance of \$664,934.07. The December 2024 C-4 report was amended on May 9, 2025, to record \$15,400 in previously disclosed contribution checks that were not cashed and to add a previously omitted in-kind contribution of \$1,540 from the Washington State Hospital Association, which adjusted the cash-on-hand balance to \$609,587.60. The amended December 2024 C-4 report was submitted 119 days late.
  - The Committee submitted an original C-4 report for January 2025, 28 days late on March 10, 2025, disclosing a beginning balance of \$610,954.80. The January 2025 C-4 report was amended to increase the cash receipts by \$530, add a new in-kind contribution from Washington State Hospital Association received January 31, 2025, and \$215 in previously omitted un-itemized expenditures, which adjusted the beginning balance to \$609,587.60. The amended January 2025 C-4 report was submitted 95 days late, on May 16, 2025.
  - The Committee timely filed the 2024 7-day pre-primary C-4 report on July 30, 2024, but omitted \$1,150 in monetary deposits. The Committee timely filed the C-3 reports disclosing the deposits. The 7-day pre-primary C-4 report was amended on April 17, 2025, 261 days late.
  - The Committee timely filed the 2024 21-day pre-general C-4 report on October 15, 2024, but omitted a \$725 expenditure to Dean Driskell Design for “Design of 2024 PAC Brochure”. The 21-day pre-general C-4 report was amended on March 10, 2025, 146 days late.

Late C-3 Reports

- The Committee submitted a C-3 report late in calendar year 2022 disclosing a \$14,590 deposit. The C-3 report was due June 10, 2022, but was submitted 31 days late on July 11, 2022.
- The Committee submitted a C-3 report late in calendar year 2024 disclosing a \$61,700 contribution from Washington Hospital Services. The C-3 report was due July 22, 2024, but was submitted eight days late on July 30, 2024.
- The Committee submitted two C-3 reports late in calendar year 2025. The first C-3 report disclosed a \$2,850 deposit due February 10, 2025, but filed 23 days late on March 5, 2025. The second C-3 report disclosed a \$32,640 contribution from Washington Hospital Service and was due May 10, 2025, but filed nine days late on May 19, 2025.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington State law as described above and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a \$300 total penalty (\$150 for C-3 reports and \$150 for C-4 reports) for acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file four C-3 reports and six C-4 reports during calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$300 civil penalty will resolve the issue of late and inaccurate filing of C-3 and C-4 reports for calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 as indicated above.

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Signature on behalf of Respondent

August 5, 2025

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Date Signed

The signed Statement of Understanding (SOU) and \$300 penalty payment is due by **August 14, 2025**. See the options below for how to continue with either online, by mail, or in-person processing.

### **Electronic Payment Option**

Please be aware, processing fees may apply. To start the process for making an online payment, do the following:

Email an electronic copy of the signed SOU to the Compliance Officer assigned to your case.

- A photo or scan of the signed SOU is acceptable. Do make sure that all parts of the SOU are within focus and readable.
- To email the signed SOU to your Compliance Officer, reply directly to the last email you had with the Compliance Officer and attach the document.
- The Compliance Officer must receive the signed SOU no later than **August 14, 2025**.
  - o A signed SOU is required for the terms of the agreement to be fulfilled.
  - o If we do not receive the SOU, your case will be scheduled for the next available Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP). If this occurs, the Commission's Presiding Officer will hear the case.
  - o If you send the SOU and payment electronically, you DO NOT need to mail a hard copy of the SOU to your Compliance Officer

Once the SOU is received, PDC staff will email a payment link and further instructions about how to make a payment.

- You must send the payment, via the link, no later than **August 14, 2025**.

### **Mail or In-Person Payment Option**

To pay by check or money order, make the payment payable to "Washington State Treasurer," write your PDC Case Number 169863 the Memo field, and mail or deliver the payment **and your signed SOU** to one of the addresses listed below, no later than **August 14, 2025**.

Regular mail:

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