

## Kootenai Health Board of Trustees Candidate Questionnaire

Kootenai Hospital District dba Kootenai Health is committed to transparency and accountability. This questionnaire was developed by the Board to ensure voters have the information needed to make an informed decision. Completion of this questionnaire is a requirement. Responses will be posted on the Kootenai Health web site. Please return the fully completed questionnaire to Kootenai Health by email to Michela Seth at mseth@kh.org. If you would like to have a photograph of yourself posted on the Kootenai Health web site also, please email a .jpeg or .pdf to mseth@kh.org with your completed questionnaire.

Your Full Name: \* **Please see narrative response submitted by Chris Nordstrom below.**

1. Please list the high school and all colleges/universities you have attended. For higher education, please describe your area of study and the degree you received, if any.

ANSWER:

2. Please identify your current employers and all employers over the past 5 years.

ANSWER:

3. Do you hold, or have you ever held, a publically elected or appointed position? If yes, please describe.

ANSWER:

4. Have you, or one of your family members, ever worked for Kootenai Health? If so, please describe.

ANSWER:

5. Why are you interested in becoming a Trustee of Kootenai Health?

ANSWER:

6. Please describe your prior leadership experience.

ANSWER:

7. Please state whether you currently serve on, or have previously served on, a board. If so, please identify the company or group, dates served and board responsibilities.

ANSWER:

8. Do you have any experience in finance, accounting, business operations or health care? If so, please explain.

ANSWER:

9. Please describe any thoughts you have on improving access to health care in our community.

ANSWER:

10. Please describe any additional health care services you feel our community needs?

ANSWER:

11. Do you see any challenges with completing a 6 year term as a Trustee and attending monthly meetings to transact hospital district business?

ANSWER:

12. Are you employed by, have an ownership interest in, or hold a leadership position in a hospital, ambulatory surgery center or health system? If yes, please explain.

ANSWER:

13. Do you have any other commitments or relationships that may conflict or interfere with acting in the best interests of the hospital district? If yes, please explain.

ANSWER:

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Statement of Candidate for election to the Kootenai Hospital District Board of Trustees:

My name is Chris Nordstrom. I have been a resident of Kootenai County for seven years since retiring from the Capital Group Companies (parent organization of the American Funds). In my 22 years with that organization I provided technical and engineering solutions for various information technology initiatives including providing guidance and advice to the executive board in making decisions and developing budgets on many large scale IT projects. As Assistant Vice President, Collaboration Engineering, I led a team of technicians, engineers and analysts in completion of a multi-million dollar project to upgrade the telephone system to a unified voice over IP (VOIP) system with over 15,000 end-points, supporting 10,000 employees in 22 cities around the world.

After graduating from Charter Oak High School in Covina California, I attended Pasadena City College in the Associate of Arts program studying business prerequisites. I also studied a curriculum of aircraft and airborne technology in the Associate of Science program at the Community College of the Air Force.

After serving six years in the United States Air Force as an avionics technician and trainer, I studied business administration at the University of Phoenix and then an online course at St. Leo University, Florida.

I am a licensed amateur radio operator having attained the highest license level of *Amateur Extra* granted by the Federal Communications Commission. Through my amateur radio activities I am able to provide service to my community through various volunteer opportunities.

I am very excited to be able to provide even more service to my community by running for election to the Board of Trustees of the Kootenai Hospital District. Through an advise and consent roll on the board, I will strive to make sure that we in North Idaho have the best, most compassionate medical care anywhere, through the hospital's mission to ***"...improve health one patient at a time in a friendly and professional culture committed to superior quality and safety."***

I believe that the Hospital District's Board of Trustees is not meant to provide medical advice to the staff of the hospital, but rather to be an advocate for patients to obtain professional care second to none, at the lowest possible cost, with maximum use of resources entrusted to it by the community. In the capacity of Trustee on the board of the hospital district, more than medical degrees are necessary. I will provide compassion, reason and common sense in providing guidance and oversight in the operation of the hospital. I believe I possess the necessary qualities to do this.

Having no connection to the hospital or any medical care provider, if elected, I promise to the voters of the hospital district the most honest, transparent and ethical service, entrusted by the people of North Idaho. I do not currently nor have I ever held a public elected office.

I look forward to serving the people of the district and North Idaho as your representative on the Kootenai Hospital District Board of Trustees.