

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. Responses will be posted on the Kootenai Health web site. Please return the fully completed questionnaire to Kootenai Health by email to Nathan Orlando at Nathan.orlando@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 Nathan.orlando@kh.org with your completed questionnaire.

Your Full Name: Chris Nordstrom

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: I attended Charter Oak High School, Covina, Ca.; Pasadena City College, Pasadena Ca., Community College of the Air Force, University of Phoenix-Business Management

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

ANSWER: I have been retired since 2014, serving 35 years at large financial institutions in Information Technology. My most recent position, assistant vice president, Technology & Operations, I was lead engineer with a team that implemented a multi-million dollar VOIP telephone conversion for over 10,000 people and 15,000 end-points at 22 cities around the world.

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

ANSWER: I have never held an elected office, but I was appointed by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioner to serve on the CDA Airport Advisory Board.

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

ANSWER: No

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

ANSWER: I do not hold a medical degree, nor am I a medical professional, but the Board of Trustees does not practice medicine, its primary purpose is to oversee plans and decisions and patient safety. I want to provide a voice for Kootenai County voters in the oversight of Kooetenai Health executive administration.

6. Please describe your prior leadership experience.

ANSWER: I have worked directly with executives at all levels at several large financial institutions where I have led multi-million dollar projects, implementing information technology solutions for voice and data. I also served in the United States Air force where I was an Aircraft Avionics Technician, providing leadership and training to junior members of my teams.

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: No

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

ANSWER: Yes, I have experience in oversight of contracts and financial records during implementation of many large projects.

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

ANSWER: My goal is to make sure Kootenai Health is always a safe and compassionate place for Kootenai County residents to get the medical care they need.

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

ANSWER: Above all, patients and residents of Kootenai County need choices when it comes to medical care. I don't believe one-size-fits all and that Kootenai Health and Kootenai Clinics may not always be the answer, especially when it comes to medical specialists such as cardiology and medical testing.

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: No.

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: No.

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: No.