Klickitat Valley Health			
Policy/Procedure Name	Reproductive Health		
Department/Scope:	District Wide		
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Purpose Statement:
The Purpose of this Board level District policy is to educate the public and KVH staff regarding reproductive health services provided and prohibited by the District.

Background Information

- The District complies with all state and federal laws regarding reproductive health. These include the following Washington State laws: RCW 9.02, RCW 9.100, RCW 9.02.150, RCW 9.02.160.
- The District recognizes that every individual 13 years old and older has the fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control and that every female 13 years old and older has the fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion, except as specifically limited by law. As a public hospital district which provides selected reproductive health care services including prenatal maternity services and emergency deliveries, the District recognizes its obligation to also provide women otherwise eligible for maternity services with substantially equivalent benefits, services, or information to permit them to voluntarily terminate their pregnancies.
- This policy also recognizes the rights of each District staff and medical provider to refuse to participate in the performance of services which they consider not ethical based on their personal beliefs. This policy provides direction for District staff and medical providers regarding acceptable behaviors when patient reproductive needs and preferences are incompatible with staff and medical provider beliefs, available resources, scope of practice, or prohibited services.

Policy:

- All KVH reproductive healthcare services are provided in a manner consistent with the District Patient Non Discrimination policy, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex (including gender identity and sexual stereotyping), disability, marital status, veteran or military status, or any other basis prohibited by federal, state, or local law.
- KVH respects the right of each KVH staff and medical provider to refuse to participate in healthcare services if doing so violates their personal beliefs.
- KVH prohibits District staff and Medical Staff (in their KVH role) from providing abortion services (as defined in RCW 9.02.170 (2): “any medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy except for the purpose of producing a live birth”). This prohibition specifically includes all surgical procedures, medical devices, and prescription for or administration of a drug intended to abort a living embryo.
- KVH does not prohibit birth control prescription or bilateral tubal ligations, a permanent sterilization for females, or vasectomy, a permanent sterilization for males.
- Nothing in this policy prevents a KVH staff person from providing information about birth control or abortion services to a patient when the patient requests the information.
- If KVH staff are not available for any reason to provide reproductive healthcare services requested by a patient, the patient is either referred to a patient’s healthcare provider of choice

or provided with relevant information about where to obtain the requested service. KVH shall develop and use a consistent resource information document to provide to patients regarding reproductive healthcare services that may not be available through KVH.

- Victims of sexual assault are given information pertaining to emergency contraception and, if requested, are provided with oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel).
- KVH does provide prenatal maternity services for early relatively low risk pregnancies.
- KVH does not have an obstetrics program and provides only emergency deliveries of babies. Procedures shall be developed for emergency deliveries of babies at the KVH hospital Emergency Department.
- KVH staff and medical providers, patients, and family/surrogate decision makers may consult with the KVH Ethics Consultation Team when ethical considerations or concerns involving reproductive healthcare are raised.

Any exceptions to this policy and these procedures requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Documentation:
Washington Department of Health document 346-107 August 2019 of Hospital Reproductive Health Services

References:
In accordance with 2SSB 5602 Hospital Reproductive Health Services

RCW 9.02, 9.02.150, 9.02.160, 9.02.170: https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.02