

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 4:00 PM, on Wednesday July 01, 2020 at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, setting forth there on the day, time and place for this regular meeting had been delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 01:10 PM on Monday June 30, 2020.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Weldon Smith, Outgoing Chairman ~ Marti Fields ~ Kevin Priddle ~ Susan Kanard ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Mary Shannon, Incoming Chairman ~ Evans McBride ~ James Bland

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

HOSPITAL STAFF:

David Keith, Sonya Stone, Recording Secretary, Darryl Linnington, Kim Stout, Sherry Winczewski, Dr. John Tedesco (via teleconference), Julie Powell, Lee Martin, Michelle Mabray

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Karen Rieger, Legal Counsel (via teleconference), Russell Ramzel, Legal Counsel, Hilary Velandia, Legal Counsel (via teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees minutes for June 03, 2020.
2. Consideration & approval of Provider Scorecards for Quarter 3 & 4 2019
3. MRHC Contract Log for June 2020
4. Appointment of Shawn Howard and Dr. Vanessa Menuiot to the McAlester Medical Services, LLC Board of Managers replacing Dr. Carol Gambrill and Dr. Tim Cathey
5. Credentialing & Privileging List as follows:

Appointment for Provisional:

1. Cole Smith, MD ~ Radiology (Moonlighting Resident) ~ One Year
2. Joseph Bergerson, MD ~ Internal Medicine/Critical Care Hospitalist ~ One Year
3. Shaina Parks, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One Year
4. Pamela McMillin, CRNA ~ CRNA-Nurse Anesthesia ~ One Year

Appointment for Reappointment:

1. John Tedesco, MD ~ General Surgery ~ One Year

Resignations:

1. Sejong Lee, MD ~ Radiology ~ Radiology Associates Eastern OK ~ 05/06/2020

A Motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the consent agenda items one (01), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of the consent agenda as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Evans McBride, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Mary Shannon, Kevin Priddle, and Weldon Smith. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Smith declared the motion carried.

Consideration and approval of appointment for MRHCA Board of Trustees Officers: Mr. Weldon Smith opened the floor for nominations to serve as officers for the MRHCA Board of Trustees. The new officers are as follows:

1. A nomination and **motion** were made by (Priddle) and seconded (Smith) to approve the appointment of Ms. Susan Kanard to serve as Secretary of the MRHCA Board of Trustees. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Kevin Priddle, Weldon Smith, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Evans McBride, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Susan Kanard. Chairman Smith declared the **motion** carried.
2. A nomination and **motion** were made by (Fields) and seconded (Priddle) to approve the appointment of Mr. James Bland to serve as Vice -Chairman of the MRHCA Board of Trustees. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Kevin Priddle, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Susan Kanard, Evans McBride, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon and Weldon Smith. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Smith declared the **motion** carried.
3. A nomination and **motion** were made by (Smith) and seconded (McBride) to approve the appointment of Ms. Mary Shannon to serve as Chairman of the MRHCA Board of Trustees. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, Evans McBride, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Susan Kanard, Kevin Priddle, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Smith declared the **motion** carried.

Following approval of new officers, Mr. Weldon Smith was awarded a plaque for his years of service as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Mary Shannon moved to the Chairman position for the remainder of the meeting.

Recruitment Update: Ms. Michelle Mabray provided a recruitment update for 2020. She reported McAlester Physicians recruited for Medical Services, LLC include the following: Dr. David Duvall and John Lazenby, PA, General Surgery; Dr. Laura Black-Wicks, Family Medicine; Dr. Sarah Oberste, Gastroenterology; Dr. Tom Wicks, Podiatry; Dr. Matthew Graves, OBGYN; Cynthia Sanford, APRN, Pediatrics and Joseph Contreras, PA, Dermatology. Ms. Mabray stated there may not be a physician within a 75-mile radius that offers the same gastroenterology services that Dr. Sarah Oberste offers. She added MRHC is excited to welcome all the new providers to the community. Ms. Mabray shared the established recruitment priorities and partnership efforts with Anesthesia Services and Emergency Medicine. She also shared plans for physician retention. In addition to physician recruitment, Ms. Mabray also provided an overview of nurse recruitment and retention for 2020.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. John Tedesco (via teleconference) reported he had nothing new to report.

CEO Report: Mr. Keith provided an overview of the CEO report included in the meeting packet. He updated the Board on State Question 802, which recently passed by a vote of the people. He reported the Governor has requested a Request for Proposal from qualified managed care organizations to facilitate health care services to eligible and enrolled members of the Oklahoma's Medicaid program commonly known as Sooner Care. Mr. Keith discussed price transparency and efforts by industry groups representing hospitals to challenge a Health and Human Services (HHS) rule requiring hospitals to disclose the negotiated rates with insurers beginning in 2021. A ruling was made by a federal judge to side with HHS requiring hospitals to disclose charges however, HHS is being challenged once again and the outcome is pending.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee is considering making permanent the Telehealth flexibilities implemented during the COVID-19 public health emergency. . Mr. Keith mentioned Dr. Menuoit is now the Program Director for Family Medicine Residency Program, replacing Dr. Gambrell. He added family practice, family medicine residency program, outpatient imaging services, Women's Imaging Center and the Mercy Clinic will move to the Southeast Healthplex in August. He reported the pediatric therapies is on track to move into Kidz Choice Pediatric Clinic in mid-August. Southeast Surgical Arts is re-locating to the former Women's Services Clinic location. Mr. Keith requested Kim Stout, CNO provided a COVID-19 update. Ms. Stout also reported that anesthesia services has gone out for bid; and MRHC is accepting sealed bids for provision of anesthesia services for McAlester Regional Health Center.

Audit & Corporate Compliance Report: Ms. Susan Kanard opened the floor to Ms. Julie Powell who reported a Special Audit and Corporate Compliance Meeting was held on June 23, 2020 to review and discuss the proposed MRHCA Records Request & Fee Schedule Policy. The Policy and fee schedule is an outline on how to govern and manage public records request. Legal Counsel assisted in developing the policy and fee schedule and revised the policy according to the recommendations of the Audit & Corporate Compliance Committee.

1. Consideration and approval of MRHCA Records Request & Fee Schedule Policy: Mr. McBride recommended approval following the Executive Session.

Finance Committee Report:

1. **Consideration and approval of May 2020 Financial Reports:** Mr. Darryl Linnington provided an overview of the May 2020 Financial Report. The report included volumes, inpatient and outpatient revenues, operating expenses and a review of the Balance Sheet. A **motion** was made (Smith) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the Financial Reports for May 2020 as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, Brent Grilliot, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Kevin Priddle, Marti Fields, Evans McBride and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.
2. **Consideration and approval of CER for Southeast Hospice Car Purchase:** Mr. Linnington reported on April 16 and 23, 2020 bids were requested for four (4) Hospice service vehicles. He reported MRHC is spending a significant amount each month on mileage reimbursement for Hospice staff. Sam Wampler Freedom Ford presented the lowest bid of \$71,964.00 for four (4) 2020 EcoSport vehicles. Mr. Linnington reported MRHC has proper damage and liability coverage for the vehicles. The projected cost savings is \$30,000 -\$36,000 annually. Mr. McBride recommended the vehicles are parked on the Hospice campus at the end of the day. Mr. Linnington reported MRHC will continue to pay mileage for the On-Call Nurses. A **motion** was made (Priddle) and seconded (Fields) to approve the CER for four (4) EcoSport vehicles for Southeast Hospice at a cost of \$71,964.00 as presented: Aye: Kevin Priddle, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Evans McBride, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Weldon Smith, Brent Grilliot and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.
3. **Consideration and approval of MRHC July 2020 Budget:**
Mr. Linnington reported that his goal was to have the new FY2021 budget prepared and ready for approval at today's meeting however, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the FY2021 budget is delayed until August 2020. Mr. Linnington requested review and approval for a proposed "interim" budget for July 2020 in advance of the annual FY 2021 budget that will be brought before the Board in August. A **motion** was made (McBride) and seconded (Smith) to approve the MRHC July 2020 Interim Budget as presented. Aye: Evans McBride, Weldon Smith, James Bland,

Brent Grilliot, Susan Kanard, Kevin Priddle, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.

4. **Consideration and approval of recommendation to reject bid for Environmental Services and Food Services submitted by True Solutions:** Mr. Evans McBride recommended approval following the executive session.
5. **Consideration and approval of revised Covid Funding & Financial Policy:** Mr. Linnington provided an overview of the previously approved Covid Funding & Financial Policy with revisions included in the preliminary meeting packet. He reported the Covid Funding process is confusing and changing. As a result the approved Covid Funding & Financial Policy required modifications to meet the current requirements. A **motion** was made (Priddle) and seconded (Smith) to approve the revised Covid Funding & Financial Policy as presented. Aye: Kevin Priddle, Weldon Smith, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Evans McBride and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.
6. **Consideration and approval of revised Capital Request Policy:** Mr. Darryl Linnington reported the Policy dates back to 2014. The dollar threshold for Capital is revised in an effort to put more funds toward the Balance Sheet. The policy was reviewed by the Administrative Executive Team prior to coming to the Board. A **Motion** was made (McBride) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the revised Capital Request Policy as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Evans McBride, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Marti Fields, Weldon Smith, Kevin Priddle, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.

Executive Session (25 O.S. § 307(B)) – Discussion and Action – Mary Shannon., Chairman

25 O.S. § 307(B)(4): “Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.”

1. Discussion of complaint, investigation, and pending claims related to Oklahoma Open Records Act and Oklahoma competitive bidding laws.

A motion was made at 5:45PM by (Kanard) and seconded by (Smith) to enter into Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Susan Kanard, Weldon Smith, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Kevin Priddle, Evans McBride, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 7:25PM by (Smith) and seconded by (Bland) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Susan Kanard, Kevin Priddle, Evans McBride, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Action taken following the Executive Session includes the following:

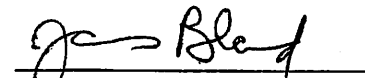
Consideration and approval of MRHCA Records Request & Fee Schedule Policy: A Motion was made (Smith) and seconded (Fields) to approve the MRHCA Records Request & Fee Schedule Policy as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Evans McBride, Kevin Priddle, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Kevin Priddle and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried.

Consideration and approval of recommendation to reject bid for Environmental Services and Food Services submitted by True Solutions: A Motion was made (Smith) and seconded (Bland) to approve the recommendation to reject bid for Environmental Services and Food Services submitted by True Solutions as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, James Bland Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Evans McBride, Kevin Priddle, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried.

New Business: Public Response Letter: A motion was made (Smith) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve a public letter in response to allegations made by Mr. Randy Green on Facebook on June 29, 2020. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Weldon Smith, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Evans McBride, Kevin Priddle, Susan Kanard, James Bland and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried.

Adjournment: A Motion was made (McBride) and seconded (Priddle) to adjourn at 07:35 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Evans McBride, Kevin Priddle, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Weldon Smith and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Shannon declared the motion carried.


Mary Shannon ~ Chairperson


James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

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