

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 4:00 PM, on Wednesday October 12, 2022 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 04:48 PM on October 10, 2022.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Mary Shannon, Chairwoman ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Sayer Brenner ~ Marti Fields ~ Damon Mascoto ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Susan Kanard ~ James Bland

**HOSPITAL STAFF:**

Sonya Stone, Recording Secretary, Shawn Howard, Cheryl Perry, Whitney Hull, Ken Mathews, Julie Powell, Lucy Muller, Kameron Dugan, Lacie Weiher, Wendy Thorp, Dr. Misty Branam, Dr. David Auld

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Maggie Martin, Legal Counsel, (via conference phone); David Andren, City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Shannon called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Ms. Mary Shannon and Mr. Damon Mascoto provided a summary of their educational trip to Charleston, SC hosted by Vizient.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees minutes for September 07, 2022
2. September 2022 Agreement Log
3. Physician Scorecards for Q1 & Q2 2022 and Credentialing & Privileging List as follows:

**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for Provisional for one year as follows:**

1. Joshua Garren, DO ~ Provisional ~ Radiation Oncology ~ One Year
2. Cheyenne Anderson, AuD ~ Provisional ~ Audiology ~ One Year

**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for reappointment (Active) for two years as follows:**

1. Jeremiah Jansen, MD ~ Active ~ Radiology ~ Two years
2. Norman McAlester, MD ~ Action ~ Emergency Medicine ~ Two years
3. Misty Branam, DO ~ Active ~ Internal Medicine/Wound Care/Hyperbaric ~ Two years
4. David Alen, MD ~ Active ~ Pulmonary/Critical Care ~ Two years
5. Shalako Bradley, MD ~ Active ~ Emergency Medicine ~ Two years
6. M. Kaleem Ishaq, MD ~ Active ~ Pulmonary/Critical Care ~ Two years

**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for Reappointment (Allied Health) for two years as follows:**

1. Joseph Contreras, PA-C ~ Allied Health Physician Assistant ~ Two years
2. W. Clint Maxcey, APRN ~ Allied Health ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ Two years
3. Michelle Mann, CRNA ~ Allied Health ~ CRNA ~ Two years

**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for Advancement (Consulting) for one year as follows:**

1. James Rush, MD ~ Consulting ~ Tele Psychiatry ~ One year
2. Erin Walling, MD ~ Tele Psychiatry ~ One year

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**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for Advancement ( Active) for one year as follows:**

1. Dallas Wright, DO ~ Active ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year

**Consideration and approval of appointment for credentialing & privileging for Advancement ( Allied Health) for one year as follows:**

1. Jessica Vandenhoeval, APRN ~ Allied Health ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ One year

**Consideration and approval of TeleNICU (Oklahoma University (OU) Distant Site: Credentialing by Proxy Temporary Privilege Granted 9/13/22 – 12/31/22**

1. Vadim A. Ivanov, MD ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology
2. Barbara Johnson, MD ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology
3. Abhishek Makkar, MD ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology
4. Tavleen Sandhu, MD ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology
5. Frederico Vieira, MD ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology
6. Lauren White, DO ~ Temporary ~ Pediatric Neonatology

**Resignations: (Acknowledge/Accept)**

1. Christopher Thompson, MD ~ Pathology (Tulsa Medical Lab) ~ 08/15/22
2. Melissa Evans-Brave, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (PremiER) ~ 08/22/22
3. Keithen Cast ~ Emergency Medicine (PremiER) ~ 08/24/22

A motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve items 1, 2, and 3 of the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, Brent Grilliot, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, James Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Chairwoman Shannon declared the motion carried.

**Southeast Clinics Medical Director's Quarterly Report:** Dr. Misty Branam summarized her presentation to the Board. She described the difference between her role as Medical Director and the position of Chief of Staff, currently held by Dr. David Auld. She shared the current status of the Clinics in regards to Quality of Care, Financial Impact, and focuses for the future. Dr. Branam reported a comprehensive review of the providers, clinics, and service lines is currently underway. The review is studying current performance and ensuring current practices and initiatives are aligned with the MRHCA strategic goals. She reported having quarterly one-on-one meetings with providers and a provider retreat for all providers is planned in the near future.

**Strategic Goal 3.1C "Transition of Care":** Ms. Lacie Weiher provided an update on Information Technology Strategic Plan 3.1C. She said the objective is to enhance exchanges of health information with providers outside of MRHC Health System and to promote Transition of Care functionality and workflow processes. Ms. Weiher described Transition of Care functionality, Interoperability Transition of Care measures required by CMS, and Conditions of Participation of the required CMS Cures Act Rule. She shared the accomplishments that have been achieved and their current measure of success. Ms. Weiher reported distributing a "Provider Transition of Care Survey" to providers seeking their input. Looking toward the future, Ms. Weiher shared a goal to create a bi-directional Health Information Exchange (HIE) interface with a HIE vendor to maximize distribution and access of patient health information to all providers within and outside the MRHC organization.

**Finance Committee Report:**

1. **Discussion and consideration of August 2022 Financial Reports:** Ms. Cheryl Perry, CFO reported the Finance Committee met on September 27, 2022. The Financial Reports for August 2022 were reviewed and summarized by Ms. Perry. A motion was made (Brenner) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve the finance report for August 2022 as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Marti

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Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, James Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: Chairwoman Shannon declared the motion carried.

2. **Discussion and consideration of Bid for Audiology Clinic Equipment:** On August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, MRHC published an RFP for Audiology Clinic Equipment. MRHC set out to research organizations that could provide the majority of the equipment needed for an Audiology Clinic. Two organizations were found but only one submitted a sealed bid. The sealed bids were opened on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00AM. The bid was from E3 Diagnostics for \$74, 262. The Bid Review Committee had concerns that a single bid might be rejected in an effort to seek additional bidders. The Committee requested consideration that any future bids could be increasingly higher due to the current state of the economy and increasingly high cost of products. The Bid Review Committee made a recommendation to approve E3 Diagnostics to provide the equipment at a cost of \$74,262. A **motion** was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the bid for Audiology Clinic Equipment from E3 Diagnostics in the amount of \$74,262 as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Damon Mascoto, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, James Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: Chairwoman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.
3. **Discussion and consideration to use funds from the Funded Depreciation Account:** Ms. Cheryl Perry reported the necessity to utilize funds set aside in a funded depreciation account to offset operational needs in the month of August 2022. As part of a previous discussion, Ms. Perry agreed to bring any such utilization from the Funded Depreciation Account to the Board for their acknowledgment. A **motion** was made (Brenner) and seconded (Zellmer) to acknowledge the utilization of funds from the Funded Depreciation Account as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, James Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: Chairwoman Shannon declared the **motion** carried.

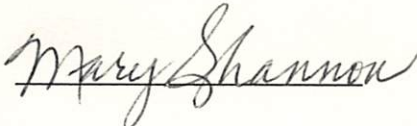
**Board QI Committee Report:** Dr. Johnny Zellmer opened the floor to Ms. Whitney Hull to provide a verbal overview of the Board QI meeting held on September 27, 2022. She reported the Committee reviewed the focus group activities including automated reminders for pain assessment, GeriPsych documentation improvement, improving HCAHPS scores, and imaging efficiency. She reported the Clinic Quality Data was also reviewed and identified areas of opportunity related to fall risk assessments that should be on every patient every time. Ms. Hull stated point of care testing for hemoglobin A1C was determined to not be cost effective and other solutions are being considered. The QMS data showed a dip in restraints and measures are being put into place to drive improvement.

**Chief of Staff Report:** Dr. David Auld reported physician staffing is largely stable at this time. The new ER group is transitioning in January and the Credentialing Department is working to get the new providers credentialed which will be a challenge. He stated the biggest issue today appears to be physician retention. He added it takes years for a physician to build credibility in the community that drives trust and referrals from other providers. We need to figure out how to keep providers here long enough to build up their practice. This is going to be key to our future. When asked what the common denominator is among providers that leave, Dr. Auld stated it is spouse dissatisfaction with the community. Some try to commute back and forth from larger cities; however, that never seems to work out. In addition, some providers never engage in the community which usually contributes to them leaving as well.

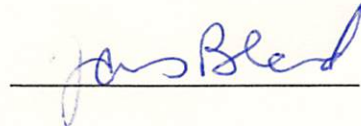
**Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report:** Mr. Shawn Howard provided a summary of the October CEO report. He reported Lab welcomed the first two of four international lab techs. Mammography passed their recent American College of Radiology Accreditation. The 3T MRI is installed and operational at the downtown Healthplex. Construction is set to begin on the roof over the boiler room as soon as the material arrives. All electrical equipment for the Pet/CT machine has been installed. He reported a new compressor for the Chiller feeding the ASC has been ordered but is on backorder which will delay the implementation. The Van Buren House has a current census of forty. Belfair continues to see an increase in capacity with a current census of fifty-three. The MRHC Foundation recently donated a three-in-one activity

table for the residents of Belfair to enjoy. Nursing rolled out Team-Birth, a communication model of care that is active in seventeen other hospitals. Team-Birth has statistically shown to improve HCHAPS scores and patient and physician satisfaction scores. Team Birth is also showing evidence of reducing C-Section rates among low-risk, first time mothers. Mr. Howard reported Pamela Cunningham, RN, Emergency Department Nurse Manager was recently re-elected as the Chair for the Regional Trauma Advisory Board for Oklahoma’s Region 5. MRHC is expecting to receive the first students in Spring 2023 made possible by the recently received AHEC grant. Eight nurses from MRHC were recognized at the Great 100 Nurses Foundation Gala on October 11, 2022. The recipients include: Haley Atwood, OB; Pamela Cunningham, ER; Heidi McAlester, Infusion; Megan Moore, Education; Megan Garrett, ER; Maye Durant, OB; Jill Parham, Nursing Administration; and Karen Gravitt, GeriPsych. Mr. Howard stated we are certainly proud of these nurses and want to thank them for their amazing care to our patients and for going above and beyond for MRHC. The Marketing Department is now under the direction of Chris Plunkett, this is in addition to his current role as the Executive Director of MRHC Foundation. In closing, Mr. Howard announced the MRHC Foundation Health Fair will be held on October 27, 2022 at the McAlester Expo Center starting at 4:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Brenner) to adjourn the meeting at 05:50 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, James Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Chairwoman Shannon declared the motion carried.



Mary Shannon ~ Chairwoman  
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James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman