

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday October 04, 2023, 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 02:46 pm on October 03, 2023.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Christopher Beene, MD, Chairman ~ Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Mary Shannon ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Damon Mascoto ~ Susan Kanard ~ James Bland

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Sayer Brenner

HOSPITAL STAFF: Cheryl Perry ~ Shawn Howard ~ Sonya Stone ~ Chad Gragg ~ Steve Wanty ~ Kayla Rovnak ~ Dr. Jonathan Rohloff

OTHER ATTENDEES: Maggie Martin, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beene called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for September 06, 2023
2. September 2023 Agreement Log
3. Credentialing & Privileging List

Consideration & Approval of Appointment: (Provisional)

1. John Burke, MD ~ Provisional ~ Neurological Surgery ~ One year
2. T. Martin Cooper, MD ~ Provisional ~ Family Medicine ~ One year
3. Talla Rousan, MD ~ Provisional ~ Cardiology/Internal Med ~ One year
4. Daelor Osen, DO ~ Provisional ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year
5. Nabila Lari, MD ~ Provisional ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year.
6. Sammie Stone, APRN ~ Provisional ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ One year.

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Allied Health):

1. Rachel Piston, APRN ~ Allied Health ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ Two years

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Consulting):

1. Erin Walling, MD ~ Consulting ~ Tele Medicine/Psychiatry ~ One Year
2. Gregory McKinnis, MD ~ Consulting ~ Sleep Medicine ~ One year.

Consideration & Approval of Additional Privileges (Consulting; Distant Site)

1. Abhishek Makkar, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine/NICU/OU Health ~ Two Year .
2. Trassanee Chatmethakul, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine/NICU/OU Health ~ Two Years
3. Barbara Johnson, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine/NICU/OU Health ~ Two Years
4. Tavleen Sandhu, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine/NICU/OU Health ~ Two Years
5. Vadim Ivanov, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine/NICU/OU Health ~ Two Years

Consideration & Approval of Temporary Privileges

1. Nabila Lari, MD Emergency Medicine ~ 08/21/23 – 10/12/23

Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)

1. Ryan Frederiksen, MD ~ Teleradiologist (StatRad) ~ 07/25/23
2. Marcus McTague, DO ~ General Surgeon ~ 09/01/23
3. Stephanie Nwachukwu, CRNA ~ 09/01/23

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

Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Intent for an Opioid Abatement Grant Award Application: Mr. Shawn Howard reported the Letter of Intent is for a new grant that recently became available that few qualify for. The grant is funded through Johnson & Johnson to be used for education programs to fight opioid addiction. He added the Letter of Intent requires Board approval before applying for the grant. A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the Letter of Intent for an Opioid Abatement Grant Award as presented. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee Reports:

- Discussion and consideration of July 2023 Financial Reports:** Ms. Perry presented the August Financials to the Board for discussion and consideration. She stated August was a much different month from July. Volumes were higher in almost every area. The staffing struggles of July were not as pronounced. There were brighter spots with the arrival of some funding from the State and a grant from the USDA. Looking at the month, inpatient days were up 7% while discharges were up 10% in August to run rate for the previous three-month average. The average daily census (ADC) was up 6% in August and the acute average length of stay (LOS) was 3.52, increasing 1% to run rate. Case Mix Index (CMI) was 1.35, which was a 4% increase from run rate. IP surgeries increased by 18 procedures. OP surgeries decreased 24% from run rate, with a departing surgeon being responsible for the decline. ED visits and OP Imaging improved 7% and 14%, respectively. Cath Lab procedures were 30, and 11% increase from run rate. Van Buren House had 46 residents while Sleep Lab improved to 56 procedures. Finally, Clinic volumes improved 6% to run rate. The largest drivers included the Ortho Clinic with 28%, the Advanced Skin Care Clinic with 57%, Neurology with 47% and OB with 11%. As mentioned, volumes were much better in August with an improvement in Gross Revenue of approximately \$1.8m, netting down to \$552k of Net Revenue. Acuity was stronger as demonstrated by the higher CMI which drove Net Revenue up approximately \$112k. While the total surgeries were down, the mix skewed toward more General and Ortho in August. The increase in Orthopedic surgeries in August alone improved Net Revenue by approximately \$126k. A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Shannon) to approve the August 2023 Finance reports as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.
- Discussion and consideration of Bid for Copper Top Building Restorations:** Ms. Cheryl Perry opened the floor to Mr. Steve Wanty who presented for discussion and consideration a bid for the Copper Top Restoration following flooding from a broken water line in February 2023. He stated on August 1, and 8th, McAlester Regional Health Center published an RFP for the repair and renovation. Several companies were contacted with the opportunity to bid on the project. Only one bid was received and opened on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00am from Talon Commercial Services. Mr. Wanty reported the bid was surprisingly lower than expected at \$1,284,211.00. He stated that historically, a single bid is republished a second time however, the bid was a straight construction project and the other construction companies wanted a construction management project. Mr. Shawn Howard reported multiple companies were contacted, the bid process was thoroughly followed, so he felt comfortable moving forward with Talon Commercial Services. Talon Commercial Service's references were contacted, and the responses were favorable. He added regular meetings will be held between MRHC and Talon Commercial Services throughout the construction project. Mr. Howard made a recommendation to move forward with Talon Commercial Services. A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Mascoto) to accept the bid proposal for Copper Top Restorations as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.
- Discussion and consideration of Eufaula Clinic Lease:** Mr. Chad Gragg reported Eufaula Clinic Lease was presented to the Finance Committee last week. Mr. Gragg stated the Clinic is currently under lease with Three Rivers Ventures, LLC. A discussion was held regarding a new lease agreement with Three Rivers that includes an expansion of the

Eufaula Clinic to a larger facility to drive increased volumes. Currently providers are sharing the same office and patient rooms are in high demand. The expansion will increase the square footage from 2000 sq feet to 5970 sq feet. The lease payments will increase from \$9800 to \$16,500. Mr. Shawn Howard stated the facility currently has 2 1/2 exam rooms, with the expansion there will be six exam rooms and an Xray room. Mr. Gragg stated on the Urgent Care Side, it will expand from 1 patient room and a procedure room to 3 patient rooms and a procedure room. Three Rivers estimate the cost of expansion to be \$1.5M and are willing to build to suit the needs of the Clinic. MRHC will be working with Three Rivers to make sure the expansion meets all the regulatory requirements. Discussion occurred regarding the length of the agreement and termination options. Mr. Howard stated we have been established in this Clinic for a while. The only issue is space. MRHC has limited the times the Clinic is open because of the space issue. He said the need is there in Eufaula and they need the space and additional providers. A motion was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve Eufaula Clinic Lease as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. Jonathan Rohloff reported all seems to be going very well. Dr. Sims stepped down as Director of the Emergency Room and Dr. Villarreal, a co-owner of ECP will be taking on that role. The Hospitalist staffing is down. Dr. Rohloff reported working closely with Prime to fill the vacated positions. The Residents will be meeting with mentors in the upcoming month to review their mid-terms and check their well-being. Dr. Rohloff reported he is meeting regularly with the CEO to work on getting service lines opened back up.

CEO Report: Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of the CEO report. He recognized the Information Technology Department for the work they are doing to improve our software system. A new anesthesia group started on October 1, 2023 with a full staff. He stated he anticipates the surgery schedule to build up with more surgery times available to surgery providers. MRHC's long time CRNAs accepted employment with the new group and will be staying at MRHC. Mr. Howard reported he is excited to announce Dr. Bravo, a new surgeon, is coming on board and a new orthopedic surgeon is reviewing an agreement with MRHC. He recognized Lucy Muller and her team for their work in securing the AHEC grant. To date, MRHC has 30 scholars participating in the program which is more than any other AHEC agents in the state. Rebecca Lanham is leading the AHEC program and doing a great job. Mr. Howard congratulated Ms. Julie Powell for receiving a top CNO in the State from Becker's Healthcare. He stated MRHC received this award for CEO, CFO, and CNO this year. The Oklahoma Rural Health Network asked Ms. Muller and Ms. Lanham to speak to them regarding Employee retention, legal, and the cultural ambassador program. Mr. Howard reminded the Board of the annual Employee Celebration on December 2, 2023. The theme this year is 70's Disco. Agency numbers for August have decreased to 1.3%. Mr. Howard closed his report with a brief legislative update.

Executive Session: Discussion and Potential Action – Christopher Beene, MD – 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, legal action, or proceeding in the public interest."

1. Pursuant to 25 Okla. Stat. § 307.B.4 discussion with Legal Counsel regarding pending investigation

A motion was made in public session at 5:09 PM by (Shannon) and seconded by (Kanard) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Mary Shannon, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 5:45 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Fields) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

ACTION NEEDED:

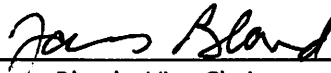
1. Discussion and consideration of action taken in Executive Session regarding the pending investigation.

A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Shannon) to give CEO limited authority to negotiate a confidential settlement as discussed in executive session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Mary Shannon, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

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



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman
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James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

