

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday November 01, 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 08:30 AM on October 30, 2023.

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

HOSPITAL STAFF: Cheryl Perry ~ Shawn Howard ~ Sonya Stone ~ Lucy Muller ~ Ken Matthews ~ Julie Powell

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 October 04, 2023
2. October 2023 Agreement Log
3. Provider Scorecards for Quarter 1 & 2 2023
4. Revised Urine Screen Protocol replacing TCA with Fentanyl
5. Credentialing & Privileging List as follows:

Consideration & Approval of Appointment: (Provisional)

1. Mario Topolko, MD ~ Provisional ~ Family Medicine/Hospitalist ~ One year
2. Sarah Gordon, MD ~ Provisional ~ Nephrology ~ One year
3. Michelle Mann, CRNA ~ Provisional ~ Anesthesia/CRNA ~ One year
4. Blake Wilson, CRNA ~ Provisional ~ Anesthesia/CRNA ~ One year
5. Julie Knox, CRNA ~ Provisional ~ Anesthesia/CRNA ~ One year.

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Active Staff):

1. Stephen Orgill, DO ~ Active ~ Psychiatry ~ Two years
2. Brandon Guthery, MD ~ Active ~ Pathology ~ Two years
3. Miranda Beeman, MD ~ Active ~ Family Medicine
4. Abhijit Gundale, MD ~ Active ~ Otolaryngology
5. Jinok Chung, DO ~ Active ~ Cardiology

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Allied Health):

1. Christopher Hitchcock, APRN ~ Allied Health ~ APRN/Neurology Dept ~ Two years

Consideration & Approval of Advancement: (Active Staff):

1. Ian Parker, DO ~ Active ~ Cardiology ~ One year

Consideration & Approval of Advancement (Consulting; Distant Site)

1. Kenneth Nalaboff, MD ~ Consulting ~ Telemedicine Radiology ~ One year

Consideration & Approval of Temporary Privileges

1. Blake Wiison, CRNA ~ 10/05/23 _ 01/05/24
2. Julie Knox, CRNA ~ 10/02/23 _ 01/02/23

Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)

1. Nelson Uzquiano, MD ~ Teleradiologist (StatRad) ~ 08/07/23
2. Lauren White, MD ~ TeleNICU (OU Health) ~ 10/01/23
3. Jessica Thomas, APRN ~ 10/05/23

A motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Kanard) to approve items 1, 2,3,4, and 5 of the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, James Bland, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Finance Committee Reports:

1. **Discussion and consideration of September 2023 Financial Reports:** Ms. Perry reported September was a good month. Expenses were well controlled, volumes were strong, and collections were improved, culminating in a positive Operating EBIDA. And amongst these bright spots was the arrival of the last FEMA payment. Looking at the month, inpatient days were up 4% while discharges were up 13% in September to run rate (or the previous three-month average.) The average daily census (ADC) was up 6% in September and the acute average length of stay (LOS) was 3.20, decreasing 5% to run rate. The Case Mix Index (CMI) was 1.31, which was a 2% increase from run rate. IP surgeries increased by 2 procedures. OP surgeries decreased 39% from run rate. ED visits were up 3% while OP Imaging declined 3%. Cath Lab procedures were 50, a 138% increase from run rate. Van Buren House had 49 residents while Sleep Lab settled at 42 procedures. Finally, Clinic volumes dropped 6% to run rate. The largest drivers included Pediatric Therapy 21%, OBGYN Clinic 15%, and the Family Resident Clinic with 9%. MRHC has also been working with FORVIS on several non-labor expense projects to improve MRHC's margin. This project is going strong. As discussed at the last Board meeting, the MRHC team attacked the project with such enthusiasm, we should reach our goals with no problem and the FORVIS workload is easing. Progress meetings are still being held to make sure everyone is on schedule and transition plans are being put in place to make the LEAN team a permanent, useful fixture at MRHC. A motion was made (Grilliot) and seconded (Brenner) to approve the September 2023 Finance reports as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Brent Grilliot, Sayer Brenner, James Bland, Susan Kanard, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.
2. **Discussion and consideration of Arvest Debt Covenant:** Mr. Shawn Howard presented the Arvest Bank Debt Covenant Proposal to the Board. Following discussion regarding the proposal, the Board decided to reject the proposal at this time with the intent of renegotiating the proposal with Arvest Bank that better meets the need of the hospital and authorizing Mr. Howard to negotiate on behalf of the Board. A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Shannon) to reject the Arvest Debt Covenant proposal pending renegotiation and authorizing Mr. Shawn Howard to negotiate on behalf of the Board as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Mary Shannon, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.
3. **Discussion and consideration of Mindray Lease:** Mr. Shawn Howard reported a Mindray Lease pertaining to the patient monitoring system throughout the hospital, was approved by the Board last November to replace aging equipment. At that time the hospital felt they chose all the pertinent options that were needed. Since then, it was discovered that the ability to mobilize the monitoring system while transporting patients was not part of the current lease agreement. Mindray has this mobilization capability, but it would require an addendum to the current lease agreement. The cost of the addendum is \$103,000 annually, divided into monthly payments of approximately \$3000 that will be added to the current monthly lease payments. Dr. Zellmer stated this is a beneficial service to the patients and made a recommendation to approve the addendum to the current Mindrays lease agreement adding the additional cost to the monthly lease payments. A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Brenner) to approve the addendum to the current Mindrays lease agreement adding an additional cost to the monthly lease

payments as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilloit, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Chief of Staff Report: No report

CEO Report: Mr. Howard reported that Pediatric medicine relocated to the HealthPlex, adding additional exam rooms and office space for the practice. Medxcel has officially assumed management of the maintenance department. MRHC is already seeing benefits to the relationship in terms of expertise and availability of equipment. MRHC has partnered with Blue Fish to provide Chronic Care Management Services to eligible primary care patients. This program is utilized to decrease unnecessary emergency department visits, decrease hospital readmissions, and most importantly improve overall quality of life for patients. There are currently 252 patients enrolled in the program. Chronic Care Management is a billable service, increasing revenue to our clinics. Mr. Howard congratulated Jennifer Wallace for being named Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant through the Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association. Jennifer is our Director of Therapy Services and has been with MRHC for seven years.

Executive Session (25 O.S. § 307(B)) – Discussion and Potential Action – Christopher Beene, Chairman

25 O.S. § 307(B)(1): "Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee."

1. Discussion regarding employment matters related to the Chief Executive Officer.

Action Needed: Approve or disapprove any action taken in Executive Session related to the Chief Executive Officer.

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

A motion was made at 5:26 PM by (Brenner) and seconded by (Shannon) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Mary Shannon, James Bland, Brent Grilloit, Susan Kanard, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTION SESSION

Adjournment: A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Fields) to adjourn the meeting at 05:58 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilloit, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Mary Shannon, Sayer Brenner, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.



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