

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday June 05, 2024, 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 01:27 on May 31, 2024.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD (arrived at 04:02 PM) ~ Mary Shannon ~ Brent Grilliot ~ James Bland ~ Sayer Brenner ~ Damon Mascoto

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Christopher Beene, MD ~ Susan Kanard

HOSPITAL STAFF: T. Shawn Howard ~ Sonya Stone ~ Ken Matthews ~ Whitney Hull ~ Scott Yoder ~ Cheryl Perry ~ Steve Wanty ~ Dr. Matthew Graves

OTHER ATTENDEES: Elizabeth Dalton, Legal Counsel (via Conference phone) ~ Elizabeth (Libby) Scott, Legal Counsel (via conference phone) ~ Randy Roden ~ Dr. Richard Bowden ~ Susan Old

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Bland called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for May 08, 2024
2. May 2024 Agreement Log
3. Credentialing & Privileging Appointments as follows:

Consideration & Approval of Appointment: (Provisional)

1. Aaron Lane, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year
2. David Gearhart, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Active Staff)

1. Jay Franklin Oaks, DO ~ Vascular Surgery ~ Two years

Consideration & Approval of Advancement Proxy Credentialing: (Telemedicine)

1. Ahmad Al-Awwad, MD ~ Telemedicine/ Telestroke ~ Two years
2. Tavleen Sandhu, MD ~ Telemedicine/Telestroke ~ Two Years

Consideration & Approval of Temporary Privileges

1. Paul Rajan, MD ~ Internal Med/Critical Care ~ 05/05/24 ~ 09/02/24
2. James Vodvarka, MD ~ Internal Med/Critical Care ~ 05/12/24 – 08/10/24
3. Aaron Lane, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 05/16/24 – 09/16/24
4. David Gearhart, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 05/18/24 – 09/15/24
5. Jennifer Briggs, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/21/24 – 08/19/24
6. Bobby Abernathy, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/22/24 – 08/20/24
7. Tyson Bryant, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/23/24 – 08/21/24
8. Gary Fennema, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/23/24 – 08/21/24
9. James Herrington, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/23/24 – 08/21/24
10. Levi Deuthman, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/24/24 – 08/22/24
11. Shane Hnatusko, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/24/24 – 08/23/24
12. Rebecca Massey, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/25/24 – 08/23/24
13. Charles Harris, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/26/24 – 04/24/24
14. Joshua Baker, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/27/24 – 08/25/24
15. Gavin Gardner, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 04/30/24 – 08/28/24
16. Lucile Stephens, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 05/12/24 – 08/10/24
17. Todd Cannon, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 05/19/24 – 09/16/24
18. Steven Gearhart, DO ~ Emergency Medicine (OSU) ~ 06/28/24 – 10/26/24

Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)

1. Kristina Smith, DO ~ Internal Med/Hospitalist ~ 03/03/24
2. Luke Leming, DO ~ Family Med/Hospitalist ~ 03/07/24
3. Michael Karachalios, MD ~ Teleradiology/StatRad ~ 04/09/24

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

Finance Committee Reports:

1. **Consideration and discussion of April 2024 Financial Reports:** Ms. Cheryl Perry provided an overview of the April Financial Reports. She reviewed the Income Statement, Month and Year to Date Actuals, Net Revenue, Expenses, Operating & Non-Operating Revenue, MRHCA Loan Covenants, and she provided an update on Change Healthcare. A motion was made (Brenner) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve the April 2024 Finance Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Sayer Brenner, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the motion carried.
2. **Consideration and discussion of revised Investment Committee Policy:** Ms. Cheryl Perry presented the Investment Policy to the Board for a two-year review as required by the policy. Proposed changes to the Asset Allocation Guidelines were recommended as follows: Equities allocation changed from 35% to 40% for Target, and 40% to 50% for Maximum Target. Fixed income allocation changed from 65% to 60% for Target and 70% to 50% for Maximum Target. Discussion occurred regarding the proposed changes. A motion was made (Brenner) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve the proposed changes to the Investment Committee Policy as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Brent Grilliot, Mary Shannon, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the motion carried.
3. **Consideration and discussion to reject a bid from MGS Construction Services for Cath Lab renovations in the amount of \$458,032:** Mr. Steve Wanty reported MRHC began planning on the renovation of the Cath Lab in November 2023 with the arrival of a mobile Cath Lab unit to provide services during the downtime. MRHC began discussions with recommended individuals to define the scope and parameters of the renovation. As the scope grew, MRHC elected to submit the project for public bid. MRHC scheduled a pre-bid /site visit with agencies on May 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM, which included Talon Commercial Services, Hoey Construction, and MGS Construction Services. Other agencies included in the bid were Key Construction Oklahoma, LLC, Thompson Construction, and MacHill Construction. The public bid opening was scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday May 16th, 2024. Only one electronic Bid was received in the amount of \$458,032. The bid review committee elected to reject this proposal due to the dollar amount. Further, the Committee suggested republishing the project as a construction management project. On behalf of the Bid Review Committee, Mr. Wanty recommended rejecting the proposal and rebid the project as a construction management project. A motion was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Shannon) to reject the bid from MGS Construction Services for Cath Lab renovations in the amount of \$458,032 and rebid the project as a construction management project as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, Mary Shannon, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the motion carried.

Board QI Committee Report: Ms. Whitney Hull provided an overview of the Board QI Committee held on May 28, 2024. She reported the Quality Management System Data Review reflected noteworthy efforts in medication scanning rates. Areas of continued improvement were needed in medication reconciliation, restraints documentation and pain reassessment documentation. The 2024 Star Rating Scorecard showed successful improvement in sepsis bundle compliance, mortality rates, patient safety indicators, and hospital acquired infections. More work is needed to raise the scores on heart failure readmissions and alcohol and substance abuse treatment at discharge documentation. Ms. Hull reported DNV arrived on May 21, 2024, to perform a Primary Stroke Center Certification Survey. Only one non-conformity related to data review was found and corrected before the survey team exited the hospital. She stated DNV is expected to arrive any day to perform an overall Hospital Accreditation Survey. A mock survey with Life Care was done on May 22, 2024, in preparation for this survey. The hospital is awaiting the final report; however, corrective actions are already in place for the verbal findings found during the survey. Home Health continues to grow, and the ER Utilization Rate is decreasing. Hospital Readmission Rates is an area of continued improvement. The Hospice census also continues to grow, and their quality goals and volunteer hours are being met. She added the Hospice Program is very successful.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. Matthew Graves reported the Medical Staff is still looking to expand; however, the process is slow and tough to recruit to this area. The Medical Staff is managing with the current staff as the interview process continues.

CEO Report: Mr. Howard provided an overview of the CEO report included in the meeting packet. He reported the Pediatric Therapy Department is busy with their summer schedules. He praised the department for their efforts in building a successful program. They have secured 7 out of 7 school contracts to provide pediatric therapy to their students. He added the expansion to the third floor of the Coppertop Building has allowed for more space to accommodate the Community needs. The Residency Program has successfully matched two incoming interns through the match and an additional two through the Supplemental Offer & Acceptance Program (SOAP). The program will celebrate the graduation of third-year Residents next month. Sadly, we will not be retaining any of this graduation class, all will be returning to their home state. The Residents once again participated in the annual sports physicals for the students of Pittsburg County. They served over 400 students, continuing the tradition of giving back to the Community and supporting local youth. The Accreditation Counsel for Graduate Medical Education resident survey scores have reached an all-time high, surpassing the programs and national averages. The result is a testament to the leadership and dedication of the Program Director and Graduate Medical Education Director in creating a high-quality training environment. Mr. Howard reported that the Marketing Team continues to work with OU Health/Stephenson Cancer Center to approve a "Coming Soon" sign for the expansion of Cancer Care by OU Health/Stephenson Cancer Center. The sign will replace the current OCSRI signage. He added this is the first of many collaborations MRHC will conduct with OU Health. He reported the Ambulatory Surgery Center is in the final stages of renovations. All major aspects of the project are complete. The Cath Lab renovation project is moving in the right direction with the help of partial funding with donations to the MRHC Foundation for decrease cardiac mortality in Southeast Oklahoma. Mr. Howard closed by providing a provider recruiting update.

Executive Session (25 O.S. § 307(C)) ~ Discussion and Potential Action ~ James Bland, Vice Chairman

A motion was made in public session at 5:15 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Fields) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the motion carried.

Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(C)(11): "All nonprofit foundations, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public trusts, task forces or study groups supported in whole or part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds for purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to remain or to locate within their jurisdiction if public

disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business.”

- Discuss financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA.


A **motion** was made at 05:45 PM by (Grilliot) and seconded by (Zellmer) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

Proposed vote to approve or disapprove any action regarding the financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA: No Action Taken

Adjournment: A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Zellmer) to adjourn the meeting at 05:46 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Mary Shannon, Sayer Brenner, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Susan Kanard, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Vice Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.



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