

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday September 04, 2024, at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, set forth there on the day, time and place for this regular meeting had been delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 04:27PM on August 28, 2024.

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

HOSPITAL STAFF: Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Ken Matthews ~ Whitney Hull ~ Scott Yoder ~ Cheryl Perry ~ Lucy Muller ~ Chris Plunkett

OTHER ATTENDEES: Randy Roden ~ Steve Bernard

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

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for August 07, 2024
2. August 2024 Agreement Log
3. Appointment of Dr. M. Kaleem Ishaq as Respiratory Therapy Medical Director
4. Revisions to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations : Article VI: Emergency Rooms and
5. Emergency Services: 6B: 2 & 3
6. Credentialing & Privileging Appointments as follows:

Consideration & Approval of Appointment: (Provisional)

1. Paul Rajan, MD ~ Internal Med/Hospitalist ~ One year
2. Mark Anderson, MD ~ Cardiology (OHH) ~ One year
3. Mark Gage, DO ~ Psychiatry/Telemedicine (Access Telecare) ~ One year
4. Brian Blick, MD ~ Anesthesiology (Western Anesthesia) ~ One year
5. Fred Crapse, DO ~ General Surgery (MRHC) ~ One year

Consideration & Approval of Appointment Proxy Credentialing Telemedicine: (Provisional)

1. Michael Klein, MD ~ Radiology (StatRad) ~ One Year
2. Andrew Martin, MD ~ Radiology (StatRad) ~ One Year
3. Heath VanDeLiner, MD ~ Radiology (StatRad) ~ One Year

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Active Staff)

1. Janna McIntosh, DDS ~ Pediatric Dentistry/Dentistry ~ Two years
2. Clark Grilliot, DDS ~ Pediatric Dentistry/Dentistry ~ Two years

Consideration & Approval of Advancement (Consulting):

1. Niladri Basu, MD ~ Orthopedics (Locum) ~ One Year

Consideration & Approval of Advancement Proxy Credentialing (Telemedicine)

1. Evgeny Sidorov, MD ~ Neurology/TeleStroke (OU Health) ~ One Year

Consideration & Approval of Temporary Privileges:

1. Joanna Brown, CRNA ~ CRNA (Western Anesthesia) ~ 08/12/24 – 10/10/24

Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept):

1. Misty Branam, DO ~ Internal Med/Southeast Clinic ~ 06/30/24
2. Ali Moussa, MD ~ Hematology/Oncology ~ 07/26/24
3. Joshua Garren, MD ~ Radiation Oncology ~ 7/26/24

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

Discussion occurred regarding item #3 of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Marti Fields pointed out a clerical error in the contract and made a recommendation to correct. A motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Kanard) to approve item #3 of the Consent Agenda pending correction of the clerical error as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

Finance Committee Reports:

1. **Consideration and discussion of July 2024 Financial Reports:** Ms. Cheryl Perry provided an overview of the July Financial Reports. She reviewed the Income Statement, Month 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 (Bland) to approve the July 2024 Finance Reports as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Sayer Brenner, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, 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.

Board QI Committee Report: Ms. Whitney Hull reported the Board QI met on August 27, 2024 to review the current data. She provided an update on the recent DNV survey and stated the corrective action plans were submitted and accepted. She added that overall, the survey was very favorable. Ms. Hull reported on the Quality Management System that was discussed at the meeting, adding noteworthy efforts in medication scanning and medication reconciliation. The Emergency Department throughput was an area of continued improvement. On the Quarter two 2024 Star Rating Scorecard, noteworthy efforts were discussed for sepsis bundle compliance, mortality rates, and readmission rates. The area for continued improvement was in the C-Diff rate.

Chief of Staff Report: No Report

CEO Report: Ms. Julie Powell reported the Van Buren House is full, with a waiting list of 50. The annual Advantage Waiver renewal was approved which will allow the facility to continue serving Advantage Waiver and Living Choice members in our community. Belfair is also doing well and nearing capacity with a waiting list on the Assisted Living Side. The Wellness Center is gearing up for their 20-year anniversary in October. The Wellness Center Team is currently working on plans for the event. The Marketing Department is working to refresh the Website with the assistance of staff throughout the facility. Both Pediatric and Outpatient Therapy increased their overall visits in the month of July. An in-depth review of all clinics is in progress to ensure efficiency of operations. The goal is to optimize clinics to decrease wait times to get appointments and increase volumes. The Board of Trustees will participate in training sessions which will include clinic operations and their contribution margin. The IT Department continues to employ single sign-on which is very popular among the staff. The Education Department has a partnership with Eastern Oklahoma State College Nursing Program in Wilburton, assisting with

the clinical component through the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program. The partnership enhances recruitment and retention and is a strategy to increase the clinical experience for the students. Ms. Powell stated with the help of the Executive Team, she was able to host Town Hall Meetings for the staff and they were very well attended. She stated her plans are to continue the meetings quarterly to seek out any questions they may have and address them as quickly as possible. The Agency Staff numbers increased for all staff and nursing; however, the nursing agency rate is still below the national average. The Executive Team continues to monitor Agency Staff on a weekly basis. In closing, Ms. Powell shared positive comments from patients following their care at MRHC.

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

A **motion** was made in public session at 4:29 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Brenner) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, Mary Shannon, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

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

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 05:25 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Brenner) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD., Sayer Brenner, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene 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 (Kanard) to adjourn the meeting at 05:26 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD., 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
/sds



James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman