

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 02, 2025, 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 was delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 03:23 PM on March 27, 2025.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD (arrived at 4:08 PM) ~ Mary Shannon ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Christopher Beene, MD ~ James Bland ~ Sayer Brenner ~ Damon Mascoto

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

HOSPITAL STAFF: Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Whitney Hull ~ Scott Yoder ~ Cheryl Perry ~ Chris Plunkett ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Jennifer Wallace

OTHER ATTENDEES: ~ Karen Hendren ~ John Titsworth

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

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for March 05, 2025 & March 13, 2025
2. March 2025 Agreement Log
3. Credentialing & Privileging Appointment List

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

Consideration and Ratification of Execution of First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement: Ms. Julie Powell presented a ratified First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement initially between the Authority, Million Building LLC, and Arvest Bank dated June 21, 2024. Following the sale of the Million Building LLC, the ratified First Amendment to the Forbearance Agreement removes the Million Building, LLC, and extends the agreement to August 31, 2025, between the MRHCA Authority and Arvest Bank. Ms. Powell stated the agreement was presented to the Finance Committee for review before coming to the Board. A **motion** was made (Brenner) and seconded (Fields) to approve the ratification of execution of the First Amendment to the Forbearance Agreement with Arvest Bank as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Marti Fields, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

Strategic Plan Update: 2.0B Optimize Distinct Patient Care Units to Promote and Increase in the Average Daily Census: Ms. Jennifer Wallace reported that to qualify for rehab, a patient must meet 60% of the following three categories: qualifying diagnosis, medical necessity, and rehab potential. The objective of this strategic initiative 2.0B, is to increase brand visibility and awareness, increase daily census, and generate increased revenue. She shared a timeline ranging from 2022 to 2024 that reflected a year-over-year increase in Medicare Reimbursement. Revenue for 2024 also showed an upward trend with the implementation of outreach, increased visibility, and quality initiatives. Ms. Wallace reported the patient satisfaction surveys for the Inpatient Rehab Unit currently indicate 97% satisfaction. She stated the next steps to support this strategic plan goal are to expand the potential referral sources, increase brand visibility, promote community awareness, and exceed quality metrics. She closed by highlighting the Rehab staff and physicians.

Consideration and discussion of February 2025 Financial Reports: Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the February 2025 Financial Reports. She reviewed the Income Statement, Month to Date Actuals, Net Revenue, Expenses, non-operating revenue, loan covenants, and an AR Vendor update. A **motion** was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Bland) to approve the February 2025 Finance Reports as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Johnny Zellmer, MD, James Bland, Mary Shannon, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

Board QI Committee Report: Ms. Whitney Hull provided a Board QI update from the meeting held on March 25, 2025. She reported the 2024 Star Rating Scorecard was reviewed. Areas of improvement included hospital-acquired conditions, mortality rates that were better than the national average, and sepsis bundle compliance. A focus for 2025 includes re-admission rates & extended days in acute care, and HCAHPS which is always an area of focus. She stated the Quality Management Scorecard was also discussed. Noteworthy efforts include medication scan rates, medication reconciliation, and restraint use & documentation. Pain reassessment with two hours of medication policy review will be an area of focus going forward. Ms. Hull reported all required reporting is complete for the performance year 2024. A renewal application was submitted to DNV and MRHC is readying for an expected survey soon. The State arrived at the McAlester Ambulatory Surgery Center to perform a recertification survey in which there were findings. A corrective action plan is being prepared and will be submitted soon. The State also arrived at the MRHC Pharmacy for an annual survey resulting in a favorable outcome.

Chief of Staff Report: No report

CEO Report: Ms. Julie Powell provided a brief overview of the CEO report included in the meeting packet. She reported painting and repairs to the Wellness Center pool will begin on May 1, 2025. The project is expected to take four to six weeks to complete. A fundraising event is planned in support of the project. The refurbished Cath Lab project is complete. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on February 26, 2025, and was well attended. MRHC is working with Oklahoma Heart to transition patients back to the MRHC Cath Lab which is expected to increase the volume of procedures. The MRI project is also complete, and the new inpatient MRI is now up and running. The new MRI will decrease the time from what was a thirty-minute scan to ten minutes, allowing more patients to be seen on a daily basis. Ms. Powell reported March 30, 2025, was National Doctor's Day. A video was prepared by the Marketing Department in honor of the MRHC providers. Mr. Chris Plunket stated the video on social media was viewed 9000 times. He also reported that the annual MRHC Golf Tournament will be held on May 23, 2025, and this year a second tournament is planned for September. In closing, Ms. Powell recognized Ms. Lucy Muller, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award at a recent Sapphire Ball hosted by Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma. She stated it was a privilege to attend the Ball and support Ms. Muller who represented MRHC with grace.

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

A **motion** was made in public session at 4:46 PM by (Mascoto) and seconded by (Brenner) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, 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 06:03 PM by (Bland) and seconded by (Zellmer) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, 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:

ACTION: None

Adjournment: A motion was made (Shannon) and seconded (Brenner) to adjourn the meeting at 06:04 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Mary Shannon, Sayer Brenner, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, 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