

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, June 04, 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 12:25 PM on June 02, 2025.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD (arrived at 4:06) ~ Brent Grilliot ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto ~ Janet Wansick.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Sayer Brenner

**HOSPITAL STAFF:** Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Whitney Hull ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Jason Gipson

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** ~ Karen Hendren ~ Belinda Kelley ~ Christina Crow ~ Rich Rasmussen ~ Laurie Reed ~ Maggie Martin ~ Amnesty Beck ~ Shara Hall

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

**Consent Agenda:**

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for May 02, 2025 & May 07, 2025
2. May 2025 Agreement Log
3. CMS Required Designated and/or Appointed Officers
4. MRHC Investment Policy as recommended by the Investment Committee.
5. Credentialing & Privileging Appointment List.

**Consideration & Approval of Provisional:**

1. Salman Khalid, MD ~ Cardiology/OHH ~ One year
2. Joseph Hunsakr, DO ~ Family Medicine/Critical Care ~ One year
3. Samantha Burnside, DO ~ Family Medicine/Critical Care ~ One year

**Consideration & Approval of Advancement (Active):**

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

**Consideration & Approval of Reappointment (Active):**

1. Jimmy Thomas, MD ~ Nephrology/Renesolve ~ Two years

**Consideration & Approval of Additional Privileges: (Active)**

1. Fred Crape, DO ~ Active ~ Requesting: Bone Marrow Aspiration

**Consideration & Approval of Provisional Telemedicine Distant Site Credentialing by (Proxy):**

1. Virtual Radiology (Vrad) ~ 63 Tele Radiology Providers
2. Synergy Radiology Associates ~ 7 Tele Radiology (Breast Imaging) Providers

**Consideration & Approval of Temporary Privileges:**

1. Virtual Radiology (Vrad) ~ 04/30/25 – 07/29/25 (See Attached)

**Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)**

1. Juston Evenson, MD ~ 05/01/25
2. StatRad Tele Radiology Group ~ 04/10/25

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

**Consideration and approval of Resolution to authorize McAlester Regional Health Center's Interim President/CEO to apply and conduct a project utilizing a grant awarded by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board:** Ms. Whitney Hull provided a brief description of the Resolution, with the assistance of Mr. Jason Gipson, Director of Pharmacy. The Resolution will allow MRHC to address priority opioid abatement strategies, including medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, contingency

management; naloxone distribution; integration of mental health and substance use care in health care; and other evidence-based strategies. A **motion** was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Wansick) to approve the Resolution to authorize McAlester Regional Health Center's Interim President/CEO to apply and conduct a project utilizing a grant awarded by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Damon Mascoto, Janet Wansick, Brent Grilliot, Marti Fields, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: Johnny Zellmer, MD. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

**Consideration and approval of Resolution to dissolve the Belfair of McAlester, L.L.C. with the State of Oklahoma:** Ms. Julie Powell reported that under this Board's resolution dated March 13, 2025, all of the assets of Belfair were sold to B & H Real Estate Holdings McAlester LLC, effective May 1, 2025. It is in the best interest of the Board to dissolve Belfair and wind up its affairs under the application provisions of the Oklahoma Limited Liability Company Act and the Belfair Operating Agreement. The Plan of Distribution and Dissolution included in Resolution Exhibit B sets forth the proposed plan of distribution for Belfair, as well as providing how the affairs of Belfair shall be wound up. The recommendation is for the Board to consent to the dissolution and winding up of Belfair under the Oklahoma Limited Liability Company Act. A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve the Resolution to dissolve Belfair of McAlester LLC, including the Plan of Distribution and Dissolution to wind up its affairs in accordance with the application provisions of the Oklahoma Limited Liability Company Act as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

**Finance Committee Report ~ James Bland, Chairman**

1. **Consideration and discussion of April 2025 Financial Reports:** Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the April 2025 Financial Reports. She discussed the April revenue, inpatient discharges and admissions, ER visits, surgery volumes, clinic activity, bad debt, and the impact on net patient revenue, operations labor, and operations supplies, total income/(loss), collections vs net patient revenue, gross accounts receivable, cash and accounts payable, and other April 2025 activities. A **motion** was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Zellmer) to approve the April 2025 Finance Reports as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Damon Mascoto, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.
2. **Consideration and discussion to authorize Julie Powell, Interim President/CEO, to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement with Microsoft Corporation set to expire July 30, 2025:** Mr. Scott Yoder reported the current Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (MSEA) for MRHC is set to expire on July 30, 2025. In preparation for this, the IT Department is actively engaged in negotiations with Microsoft for a new three-year MSEA, which is scheduled to commence on August 1, 2025. This renewal will ensure continued access to essential Microsoft products and services that support MRHC's operations and strategic goals. A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Mascoto) to authorize Julie Powell, Interim President/CEO, to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement with Microsoft Corporation set to expire July 30, 2025, as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Janet Wansick, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

**Strategic Plan Update 1.0A Reduction of Readmissions:** Ms. Whitney Hull provided an update on Strategic Plan Initiative 1.0A: Reduction of Readmissions. She discussed the organizational impact of utilizing outcome metrics by CMS, Hospital Star Ratings, Value-Based Purchasing, overall spend on Medicare beneficiaries, and patient satisfaction. She shared the readmission rate data that reflected a decrease over the past year but fell short of the goal. She reported that a Readmission Reduction Team was developed, including members from Case Management, Clinic Quality, Clinic Nurse Manager, and Dr. David Auld. The team meets monthly to perform chart reviews of all readmissions and implement corrective actions, including ensuring follow-up appointments before discharge, Transitional Care follow-up calls from Clinic Quality for SE Clinic patients, working closely with post-acute care providers in the area, and creating an alert in Meditech for case management to identify patients with readmissions. Ms. Hull shared preventative actions to avoid readmissions including utilizing LACE score to prioritize discharge planning of admitted patients, engaging with Telligen for Care Management of Medicaid patients post discharge, engaging with Blue Fish for Care Management of Medicare patient post discharge, and Transitional Care follow up calls performed by Clinic Quality for SE Clinic patients.

**Board QI Committee Report:** Ms. Whitney Hull provided an overview of the Board QI meeting held on May 27, 2025. The Q1 2025 Star Rating Scorecard and QMS Data were reviewed, and noteworthy efforts and areas of continued improvement were discussed. She provided a Home Health update, noting that the facility is exceeding goal on Emergency Department use without hospitalization.

and 100% on timely initiation of care for the quarter. There is a continued focus on improvement in bed transferring and decreasing acute care hospitalization. She also provided a Hospice update stating the Q1 2025 average daily census was 86.01, there were no grievances in Q1 2025, and Q1 volunteer hours were at 5.27% of paid employee hours. Quality is focusing on properly completing the infection log, the average number of skilled hours per day during the last days of life and improving the Q1 average of 2.62 hours per patient, with a national goal of 3.35. Ms. Hull mentioned that survey preparedness efforts are underway to prepare for an upcoming DNV survey.

**Chief of Staff Report:** No Report

**CEO Report:** Ms. Julie Powell introduced Mr. Rich Rasmussen and Ms. Maggie Martin from the Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA), who provided an update on the impact of Medicaid Expansion on Oklahoma Hospitals and a legislative update on recent House Bills, followed by a discussion on the potential impact on MRHC.

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

A **motion** was made in public session at 5:34 PM by (Grilliot) and seconded by (Zellmer) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, Damon Mascoto, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner: None. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland 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 6:18 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Mascoto) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

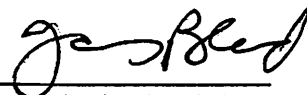
Proposed vote to approve or disapprove any action regarding the financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA:

**ACTION:** None

**Adjournment:** A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Zellmer) to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Janet Wansick, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Vice-Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.



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