

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, January 07, 2026, 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 09:30 AM on December 23, 2025.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Janet Wansick ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None

**HOSPITAL STAFF:** Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Whitney Hull ~ Dr. Jonathan Rohloff

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Belinda Hill ~ Christina Crowe ~ Karen Rieger, Attorney ~ Karen Hendren ~ Finny Mathew ~ Eric Atkinson ~ Michael Echelle ~ John Titsworth

**CALL TO ORDER:** Christopher Beene, MD, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for December 03, 2025, and December 08, 2025
2. Appointment of Julie Powell as interim Compliance Officer, replacing Kayla Rovnak.
3. Coding Quality Assurance Audit for inpatient, outpatient, and professional & surgical.

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, Johnny Zellmer, MD, James Bland, Janet Wansick, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

**Consideration and discussion of November 2025 Financial Reports:** Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the November 2025 Financial Reports. She reported that November presented financial challenges primarily driven by lower outpatient volumes and cash collections. While EBITDA reflected a loss for the month, management actions underway position the organization for stronger performance moving forward into FY2026. Cost control efforts are yielding measurable results. Productive FTEs reached their lowest level in over a year, demonstrating meaningful progress in labor optimization. Overall, while November reflected short-term volume and revenue shortfalls, improving service line performance and disciplined expense management provide a strong foundation for recovery and improved financial performance in the coming months. A **motion** was made (Bland) and seconded (Wansick) to approve the November 2025 Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Janet Wansick, 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.

**Board QI Report:** Ms. Whitney Hull provided an overview of the Board QI meeting held on December 30, 2025. She reported that the Quality Management Scorecard was discussed. There were noteworthy efforts in Medication Reconciliation, Restraint documentation, Pain documentation, ED throughput, and decreased grievances. Areas of continued improvement include Levophed titration documentation per protocol, which was at 90% in December, a slight increase in avoidable days, and the percentage of Medical Necessity Screening within 24 hours of admission. She reported that HCAHPS scores for Q3 2025 were also reviewed. The scores showed improvement over the last report; however, a few areas continue to be a focus. Ms. Hull proudly announced McAlester Regional Health Center was among the Forbes Top Hospitals for 2026. MRHC was among 15 hospitals in Oklahoma chosen for this honor. Hospitals were chosen based on patient outcomes, hospital best practices, value, and patient experience. Patient outcome metrics held the most weight in the methodology utilized. Data was pulled from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Provider Data Catalog. Only hospitals scoring 4 or 5 stars per the Forbes methodology made the list. She added that MRHC did not apply for this award; it was a total surprise. She expressed her appreciation to the MRHC Staff for their efforts in making this happen.

**Chief of Staff Report:** Dr. Rohloff reported he is hearing good feedback from patients and their families as he is rounding. There are minimal grievances, which indicates they are pleased with our services. He reported that new nurses are rotating through and getting some good training; however, the timeliness scores are down slightly due to learning the Meditech, Electronic Medical Record System and learning to transition from room to room. Providers are coming back after the holidays, after spending much-needed time with their families. The Residency Program is going strong, and spirits are up because they have reached the halfway point of the year for their internship. Dr. Rohloff reported that the hospital is struggling with avoidable days, especially through the holidays. The Medicare Advantage and Medicaid Advantage are making placement more difficult for patients into rehab or skilled facilities. He reported that he has been directing patients to the American Hospital Association website, [medicareisadadvantage.org](https://www.ahad.org).

to help them understand the insurance better and make informed decisions. The Rehab census has increased primarily because MRHC promotes taking Medicaid patients, whereas many hospitals in Oklahoma do not. Rehab is also becoming less selective in an effort to expand treatment capabilities and gain experience with different levels of care. Dr. Rohloff reported that a new APRN will be joining the Hospitalist program, bringing the number of APRNs to two. Two graduating Residents have already joined the team, and there are recruiting efforts to retain a few more. He stated the Hospitalist Program has not utilized locum coverage in three months for staffing purposes.

**CEO Report:** Ms. Julie Powell reported that the CEO report is included in the meeting packet for review. Outside of that report, she mentioned that Governor Stitt was on the news recently discussing the Oklahoma Rural Health Transformation Program. The Oklahoma Healthcare Association (OHA) shared information about the program, detailing various initiatives and funding allocations aimed at improving healthcare access and services in rural areas of Oklahoma. This information was sent to the MRHCA Board Members to review at leisure, including websites that help navigate how the dollars are being spent. Ms. Powell stated the synopsis of the report is that Oklahoma has secured 223.5M for the first year of a five (5) year grant through the Rural Health Transformation Program. The initiatives are centered around innovating a care model with virtual care options and transportation support, growing your own methodology, facilitating regional collaboration with advanced technology and governance support, shifting the values to quality incentive programs, and building your health data utility. Ms. Powell stated that she will keep the Board informed as she knows more.

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

A **motion** was made in public session at 04:22 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Mascoto) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

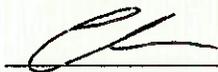
**25 O.S. § 307(C)(11):** "All nonprofit foundations, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public trusts, task forces, or study groups supported in whole or part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds for purposes of conferring 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."

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

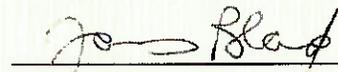
A **motion** was made at 06:29 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Zellmer) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**Adjournment:** A **motion** was made (Wansick) and seconded (Zellmer) to adjourn the meeting at 06:30 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, James Bland, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman



James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

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