

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
BOARD MEETING
Meeting Location: MCMH Conference Center
Zoom option available.
May 31, 2023

PRESENT

Trustees	Kevin Cabbage, Chair	Lorin Petersen, Trustee	James Norris, Treasurer
	Ann Carder, Secretary	Roger Ehmke, Trustee	Jason Poston, Trustee
	Jill Bergstrom, Vice Chair		

Administration	Ron Kloewer, Chief Executive Officer	Mike O'Neal, Chief Operating Officer
	Bryant Blay, Chief Financial Officer	Krystalle Fada, Chief Nurse Executive
	Kylie Bowen, Administrative Services Manager	

Staff	Pete Wemhoff, Administrative Director of Support Services
	Phyllis Drake, Administrative Director of Patient Diagnostics & Ancillary Care
	Gale Bingham, Administrative Director of Human Resources (present via Zoom)
	Shauna Bozwell, Administrative Director of Clinics
	Tim Werges, Controller
	Brent Perdue, Project Manager
	Sherstin Willyerd, Pharmacist/Department Manager
	Ali Duysen, Methodist Physicians Clinic-Red Oak Manager (present via Zoom - left at start of Closed Session)
	Teresa Jennings, Emergency Department Manager (8:42 AM – 9:02 AM)

Medical Staff	Dr. William Butz (left at 8:32 AM)
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Public Visitors	N/A
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Montgomery County Board of Supervisors	Charla Schmid (present via Zoom - left at 9:15 AM)
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Absent	N/A
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CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Cabbage, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) in the Conference Center. A Zoom option was available for those who wished to attend virtually.

RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

Kevin Cabbage recognized that all trustees were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented for consideration by the Board of Trustees. It consisted of the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on April 26, 2023 and also the Closed Session minutes from April 26, 2023, policies and the following provider appointments: Jolynn

Carlson, CRNA; Jason Cisler, MD; Christopher Corder, MD; Thomas Diesing, MD; Pierre Fayad, MD; Michael Feilmeier, MD; Marco Gonzalez Castellon, MD; Michael Pichler, MD; Jacob Ridder, PA-C; Tracey Wellendorf, MD.

A motion by Jill Bergstrom, seconded by Ann Carder, to approve the consent agenda as presented was passed unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Butz reported that a discussion took place during the recent Medical Staff meeting on lab services, especially availability and processes after hours.

Dr. Butz noted that Medical Staff officer nominations have been made as follows: Dr. Eduard Grass for Chief of Staff, Dr. Warren Hayes for Vice Chief of Staff, and Dr. Mark Kemp for Secretary. These nominations will be voted on next month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer – Ron Kloewer

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Ron reported that Dr. Christopher Lindgren has signed a contract as the fourth employed Emergency Department (ED) physician. Leah Rowell, PA-C signed to be employed in the Emergency Department as an Advanced Practice Provider (APP). Dr. Scott Hoffman is currently working in the ED as an MCMH employee. Dr. Steve Lapke & Dr. Anh Luong are working in the MCMH ED through our Wapiti contract; they will begin their MCMH employment in June 2023. The Wapiti contract and Bryan Telemedicine contract will be amended to reflect the limited services that we will still have available from each organization.

The Auxiliary had their annual May Breakfast meeting and celebration and donated \$17k which will be used to fund the purchase of a new stretcher for the Emergency Department. Thank you to the Auxiliary for their continued volunteer hours and donations.

Ron thanked Roger Vial for sharing his experience with the MCMH stroke program on KCSI.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:15 AM Roger Ehmke made a motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss the USDA grant application to assist with the purchase of x-ray equipment for the Villisca Medical Clinic (VMC). James Norris seconded the motion; motion carried.

Tim Werges, Controller, gave an update on the project. The grant would provide approximately \$50k of \$90k purchase price. The clinic was originally designed to house x-ray equipment, therefore extensive construction will not be necessary. The timing should line up nicely with Tom Schmadeke, PA-C returning to practice at the VMC.

There were no comments from the public.

Jill Bergstrom made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:20 AM; James Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, continued.

Chief Operating Officer – Mike O’Neal

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Mike gave an update on the project to acquire the Methodist Physicians Clinic – Red Oak.

Mike noted that Governor Reynolds recently signed into law, the removal of the requirement of physician supervision over physician assistants. The law will go into effect July 1, 2023.

The MRI plan documents are currently with the fire marshal and the project is on track for September 2023. The Mobile Service contract will be terminated at the appropriate time.

An Iowa Hospital Association (IHA) trend report and an American Hospital Association (AHA) article were included with Mike’s report in the Meeting Book.

Chief Financial Officer – Bryant Blay

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Bryant reported that RHC claims for both the Villisca Medical Clinic, RHC and the Red Oak Medical Clinic, RHC have been released and payments are coming in.

Bryant noted that the interim cost report paid just short of \$600k of the shortage due to MCMH.

The Employee Retention Credit was approved for \$1.5M and will be realized as income over the next 10 months.

Bryant reported on the proposed Medicaid Direct Payment program, if approved as presented, early estimates predict MCMH would receive \$5M in additional Medicaid payments. MCMH expects to receive official notice on the status of the program in July 2023.

Chief Nurse Executive-Krystalle Fada

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Krystalle reported that there are a couple of open nursing positions due to retirements or relocations.

Krystalle gave a report on the Iowa Donor Network program.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quality of Care: Krystalle Fada reported on the 2022 HQIC data. Krystalle noted that MCMH consistently performs better than peers and that the report was very positive. MCMH is working to improve readmission rates. The group also reviewed the Antimicrobial Stewardship program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cash Disbursements

A motion by James Norris, seconded by Lorin Petersen, to approve the accounts payable cash disbursements in the amount of \$2,217,197, which excludes any potential conflict of interest items, was passed unanimously.

A payment was not made to FMTC this month. There will be a catch up payment next month.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST: STRYKER ZOOM STRETCHER

Teresa Jennings, Emergency Department Manager, presented an equipment request to purchase a Stryker Zoom stretcher. The MCMH Auxiliary has donated \$17k to cover the cost of the purchase. The stretcher will be placed in Trauma Room 2 in the Emergency Department and can hold a weight limit of 700lb. It has motorized controls, a built in scale and a bed access system for improved patient and staff safety.

A motion was made by James Norris, and seconded by Ann Carder, to approve the purchase of the Stryker Zoom stretcher in the amount of \$16,364.69. The motion passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF HOSPITAL BUDGET

Bryant Blay reviewed the preliminary hospital budget. The presentation included discussions on volume expectations, service line additions and the recent struggles with inpatient business. Bryant and his team will make any necessary adjustments and present the budget to the Board of Trustees for approval at the June Board of Trustees meeting.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

Ron Kloewer, CEO, made a request to go into Closed Session as provided for by Section 21.5(1)(l), "to discuss patient care quality and process improvement initiatives in a meeting of a public hospital or to discuss marketing and pricing strategies or similar proprietary information in a meeting of a public hospital, where public disclosure of such information would harm such a hospital's competitive position when no public purpose would be served by public disclosure."

Ann Carder made a motion to go into Closed Session. Roger Ehmke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken- Roger Ehmke, yes; James Norris, yes; Jill Bergstrom, yes; Jason Poston, yes; Ann Carder, yes; Lorin Petersen, yes, Kevin Cabbage, yes. The meeting was moved into Closed Session at 9:18 AM.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:52 AM.

A motion was made by James Norris, and seconded by Ann Carder, to approve the resolution "Authorizing the Acquisition by Montgomery County Memorial Hospital of 'Red Oak Pharmacy'" The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Committee Reports

Critical Access Hospital Review – (Roger Ehmke & Jill Bergstrom)-N/A

Foundation – (Ann Carder & James Norris)-N/A

IHA Legislative – (James Norris)-N/A

IT Governance – (Kevin Cabbage)-N/A

Patient Experience – (Lorin Petersen & Jason Poston)-The committee met and reviewed the HCAHPS and Reputation scores; scores are improving. Additionally, MCMH is starting to receive positive comments about the changes to the Emergency Medicine program, which is very encouraging.

Quality Patient Safety – (Jill Bergstrom & Roger Ehmke)-N/A

Community Relations Governance – (Ann Carder & Jill Bergstrom)-The new MCMH website is set to Go Live on July 15.

Board Chair Kevin Cabbage established a new committee, the Pharmacy Governance Committee, and appointed Ann Carder to serve on the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Kevin Cabbage noted that the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2023.

ADJOURN

James Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Kevin Cabbage adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Carder, Sec.