



January 29, 2024
MCHD Board Minutes
Teresa Stephens, Chairman

Call to Order

The Marion County Hospital District Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting was called to order by Teresa Stephens on January 29, 2024, with a quorum present at 5:00 PM at 2547 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, FL.

5:00 PM Roll Call

Upon roll call the following Board Members were present in the office: Rusty Branson, Teresa Stephens, Ram Vasudevan, David Cope, Ken Marino, Rich Bianculli, Harvey Vandeven

Other Present in Office

Debra Velez, Matt White, Michelle Stone, Kimberly Glancy, Crystal Pfriendler, Brandi Glover, Levonda Goodson, Connie Palmer, Jennifer Murty, Bruce Akerman, Tom O'Mara, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom), Curt Bromund arrived at 5:22 PM

Invocation

The meeting opened with an invocation by Rusty Branson.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)

Chairman Stephens opened the floor to public comment. Jennifer Murty with the Ocala Gazette addressed the board. Ms. Murty expressed her dissatisfaction with the recently implemented audio and video recording section of the boardroom. Teresa Stephens stated that if individuals can not hear what is being said in the room, they should raise their hand or let someone know.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MCHD December 18, 2023 Board Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Ken Marino, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes presented. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.



New Business

Wilshire Investment Overview – Nathan Howes and Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom) reviewed Wilshire’s December investment overview.

IPS Document – Nathan Howes and Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom), discussed the proposed changes to the IPS as outlined in the board packet. The proposed IPS changes will be reviewed by MCHD’s new legal counsel when selected.

The Investment Report was accepted by general consent.

Old Business

None.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

Board Development Training Date – The board development training, facilitated by Dave Fechtman with Velocity Advisory Group, is scheduled to take place at the MCHD Office on February 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Attorney Selection – Rusty Branson conveyed that MCHD has received two legal counsel proposals. Following a careful examination of the submissions, Rusty Branson is putting forth Robert Batsel, Jr., affiliated with Gooding & Batsel, as the recommended choice for the position of new MCHD legal counsel, citing their experience as the best match for our needs.

A motion was made by David Cope to approve Robert Batsel Jr. as MCHD’s attorney, motion was seconded by Rich Bianculli. The Motion passed unanimously.

Cars for MCHD – A leased vehicle was approved in the budget for this fiscal year for staff use for internal programs. Rusty Branson sought the board's approval to evaluate the received vehicle quotes and determine the most suitable option.

A motion was made by David Cope to approve Rusty Branson to review the received vehicle quotes and choose which quote and vehicle best suites the needs of MCHD, motion was seconded by Ken Marino. The Motion passed unanimously.



Balanced Scorecard – Debra Velez conducted a review of the balanced scorecard for 2023-2024 included in the board packet.

A motion was made by Rusty Branson to approve the Balanced Scorecard for 2023-2024, motion was seconded by Ram Vasudevan. The Motion passed unanimously.

CEO Performance Review – January 30 is the deadline for trustees to finalize Curt Bromund's performance review. Following the completion by all trustees, Crystal Pfriendler will consolidate the data using Mindshare and Teresa Stephens will conduct a meeting with Mr. Bromund to review the evaluation.

The Operations Report was accepted by general consent.

New Projects

Curt Bromund opened the New Projects Report.

New Business

Blue Sky First Responder Information Update – Curt Bromund updated the trustees on the Blue Sky First Responder Study, mentioning the final report for the study will be distributed by the end of January.

FINANCE REPORT

December 2023 Financials – Matt White conducted a review of the December 2023 financial statements, as presented in the board packet. Mr. White stated the financial audit is ongoing and should be presented to the board no later than March.

A motion was made by David Cope to approve the December 2023 Financials, motion was seconded by Rusty Branson. The Motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

Harvey Vandeven opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

New Business



Quarterly Update: AMP, FANS, CHP – The quarterly updates for AMP, FANS, and CHP were included in the board packet. Debra Velez asked if there were any questions from the Board about the information included in the Board packet and the Trustees had none.

Estella Byrd Whitman – Curt Bromund reviewed the proposal for the Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center. During ongoing discussions, Mr. Bromund collaborated with Levonda Goodson, the CEO of Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center. Mrs. Goodson presented information about the project, including a strategic plan, sustainability plan, and operating plan to Mr. Bromund. To assist the center, Mr. Bromund is seeking \$150,000 for the remainder of the year for Estella Byrd Whitman’s two clinical staff and minor supplies/equipment. Mr. Bromund is recommending that the \$150,000 be allocated from trustee carryforward funds from the previous year to support the Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center. Mrs. Goodson and Mr. Bromund are actively collaborating on identifying alternative funding sources to sustain and support the center in the future.

A motion was made by Ken Marino to approve allocating \$150,000 for Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center, motion was seconded by Rusty Branson. The Motion passed unanimously.

Belleview Santos Playground – Curt reviewed the proposal in the Board packet about playgrounds at Belleview Santos Elementary. Dr. Sarah James, a School Board Member in Marion County Schools, held discussions with Curt Bromund regarding the absence of playground structures for both Pre-K and elementary students (Kindergarten to 5th grade) in various schools throughout the county. Currently, Belleview Santos Elementary School does not have any playground structures on its premises, and Dr. Sarah James suggested the installation of two playgrounds at the school. Each playground is estimated to cost \$60,000, resulting in a total proposal amount of \$120,000. The trustees engaged in a discussion about potentially approving one playground structure and allowing MCPS to secure funding for the second playground. It was proposed that MCHD would establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the school board to outline responsibilities for upkeep and repairs.

A motion was made by Rich Bianculli to approve the construction of one playground, with the discretion granted to Dr. James to determine which playground should be built Motion was seconded by Ram Vasudevan. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Strategic Initiatives Report was accepted by general consent.



Old Business

None.

Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.