



**June 24, 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 June 24, 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, Ken Marino

**Absent**

Harvey Vandeven, David Cope, Rich Bianculli

**Other Present in Office**

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Matt White, Kimberly Glancy, Crystal Pfriender, Jessica Cole, Dayana Bouey, Jessie Driggers, Mac Mackay, Ken Kirkpatrick, Stephanie Harrell, Jennifer Murty, Bruce Akerman, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom), Brian Creekbaum

**Invocation**

The meeting opened with invocation by Rusty Branson.

**Public Comment (3 Minutes)**

None.

Teresa Stephens took a moment to express her gratitude for Dr. Ken Marino's time on the MCHD Board. Mrs. Stephens thanked Dr. Marino for his dedicated service, highlighting his contributions and commitment during his tenure.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MCHD May 20, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Rusty Branson, seconded by Ken Marino to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**



## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT**

Curt Bromund opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

### **New Business**

**AMP Step Challenge** – City of Ocala Mayor, Ben Marciano spoke to the trustees about the Step Challenge at City Hall. Mayor Marciano expressed his gratitude to MCHD for providing valuable resources to the participants of the Step Challenge. He acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the staff involved in organizing and supporting this initiative. Mayor Marciano shared a video featuring City Hall staff members discussing the positive impact the Step Challenge has had on their lives. The video highlighted various benefits, including improved health and increased community engagement.

**AMP National Award** – Jessica Cole introduced Rebecca Elliott from UF/IFAS, who shared information about the awards received by MCHD's Active Marion Project (AMP). Mrs. Elliott stated AMP was nominated by UF/IFAS for the School Wellness Award for the Marion County School Bus Drivers and the Eat Healthy, Be Active Program, where it placed 1st in the Southern Region. Additionally, AMP was recognized for its work with the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) for using education to address emerging public health issues, placing 2nd nationally and 1st in the Southern Region.

## **INVESTMENT REPORT**

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.

### **New Business**

**Wilshire Investment Overview** – Nathan Howes and Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom) reviewed Wilshire's April investment overview which was provided in the Board packet.

### **Old Business**

None.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.



## **New Business**

**Operations Manual** – Rusty Branson reviewed the updated Operations Manual provided in the board packet. He gave a brief overview of some of the proposed changes to the policies.

**A motion was made by Ken Marino, seconded by Teresa Stephens to accept the updated Operations Manual. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Pillar Workshop** – Rusty Branson announced that the Pillar Workshop Discussion will be held on Tuesday, July 16, at 3:00 PM.

**Board Officers Voting July** – Rusty Branson reminded the trustees that board officer voting will take place at the July Board Meeting.

**New Trustees** – Teresa Stephens introduced and welcomed the new MCHD Trustees, Dr. Stephanie Harrell and Ken Kirkpatrick.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

**May 2024 Financials** – Matt White conducted a review of the May 2024 financial statements, as presented in the board packet.

**A motion was made by Rusty Branson to approve the May 2024 Financials, motion was seconded by Ken Marino. The Motion passed unanimously.**

**Review of Budget Commitments for FY 24/25** – Matt White reviewed the FY 24/25 budget commitments included in the board packet.

**Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 5:38 PM.**