



June 30, 2025
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 30, 2025, 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: Teresa Stephens, Harvey Vandeven, Ram Vasudevan, Ken Kirkpatrick, Rusty Branson, Rich Bianculli, Stephanie Harrell

Other Present in Office

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Matt White, Kimberly Glancy, Kathy Bryant, Mac Mackay, Austin Markham, Brandon Richter, Brandi Glover, Crystal Pfriendler, Jessica Cole, Shayna Colyer, Jessie Driggers, Brenda Rabadan, Sarah Ostreicher, Loretha Tolbert – Rich, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Iffy Akwule Udochi (via Zoom), Jadon Milton (via Zoom), Bruce Akerman, Brian Creekbaum

Invocation

The meeting opened with invocation by Rusty Branson.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)

None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MCHD May 19, 2025 Board Meeting minutes –Harvey Vandeven made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

CEO Update – 10 Years of Impact – Curt Bromund delivered his CEO update as outlined in the board packet, highlighting the Hospital District’s achievements and impact in Marion County over the past ten years.



Board Chair Teresa Stephens read personal statements of gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Ram Vasudevan and Rich Bianculli in recognition of their service, as this meeting marked their final one as Hospital District Trustees.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.

New Business

Wilshire Investment Overview – Nathan Howes and Iffy Akwule Udoch (via Zoom) reviewed Wilshire’s investment overview included in the agenda packet.

Old Business

None.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

New Business

Budget Process FY 25-26 – Rusty Branson reviewed the proposed FY 2025–2026 budget timeline as outlined in the board packet.

New Board Members July 2025 – Rusty Branson announced that Loretha Tolbert-Rich and Dr. Mark Ortolani Jr. have been appointed by the Marion County Board Of County Commissioners as the new Hospital District Trustees.

Beacon Point Parking Lot Update – Harvey Vandeven provided an update on the Beacon Point parking lot project, as outlined in the board packet. Mr. Vandeven is monitoring the project on behalf of the Board of Trustees and will continue to stay informed as the situation evolves. Rusty Branson noted that \$250,000 has been allocated for the parking lot improvements. Given some uncertainty around the final project cost, Mr. Branson requested board approval to grant Mr. Vandeven the authority to approve an increase of up to 15%, should action be required before the Board reconvenes.

Rusty Branson made a motion, seconded by Harvey Vandeven to grant Mr. Vandeven the authority to approve an increase of up to 15% if costs exceed the allocated



\$250,000. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

Legal:

Sale of Munroe Regional Homecare, LLC – Mac MacKay provided an update, as outlined in the board packet. On June 16, 2025, legal counsel for the Marion County Hospital District (MCHD) responded to a formal notice from AdventHealth Ocala regarding the proposed sale of Munroe Regional Homecare, LLC (MRH). This notice was issued pursuant to Section 7.10 of the Lease Agreement, which gives MCHD the option—by August 4, 2025—to either accept the transfer of MRH interests to the District (or its affiliates) at no additional cost, or to receive the net proceeds from the sale, less reasonable transaction costs. The Board will need to determine which of these two options to pursue. In preparation, legal counsel has requested a copy of the proposed purchase agreement and any supporting documentation to conduct due diligence. Additionally, AdventHealth Ocala’s letter references an estimated \$963,000 shortfall it claims it is obligated to pay. Legal has requested further documentation of this shortfall, including a copy of the MRH Operating Agreement and justification for the claimed amount. Counsel has noted that this shortfall may not meet the definition of a "reasonable transaction cost" under the Lease Agreement and therefore may not reduce the proceeds owed to MCHD. Further updates and documentation will be provided to the Board as they become available to support its final decision.

Old Business

None.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

Stephanie Harrell opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

New Business

Behavioral Health Conference August 2025 – Stephanie Harrell shared information about BHCon, the largest behavioral health conference in the Southeast, which consistently draws approximately 1,900 executives and professionals from across Florida and other states. This year’s conference will take place at the end of August in Orlando. She announced that Debra Velez has been selected to present at BHCon 2025 on behalf of the Marion County Hospital District. Her presentation, titled “Bridging the Gap: Integrating Housing, Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder Services for Sustainable Recovery,”



will be delivered in collaboration with SMA Healthcare, Marion County Community Services, and Project Hope. The session will highlight the importance of integrated care models that address housing instability and co-occurring behavioral health disorders.

Opioid Abatement Fund Update – Debra Velez provided an update on the Opioid Abatement Fund, noting that the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program is a state-supported initiative that provides a comprehensive response to opioid use disorder by integrating emergency response, clinical care, peer support, and long-term treatment services. MCHD staff have met with all key stakeholders and are working with SMA Healthcare, Marion County Fire Rescue, and Ocala Fire Rescue to develop a coordinated proposal that defines roles and strengthens the program. LSF, which administers its own separate CORE funding, has received multiple funding applications that reveal a fragmented system with limited coordination among providers. With opioid abatement funds available and CORE funding expected to decline, it is essential to align efforts across all partners to ensure long-term sustainability. Recent meetings resulted in agreement on a shared definition of a CORE client and the appropriate use of inducements outside clinical settings. MCHD staff are now assisting in drafting a joint CORE funding application to present to the Opioid Settlement Committee and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

Domestic Violence Appropriations Update – We received confirmation that the \$500,000 Domestic Violence Appropriation has been approved. The original request was for \$1 million, but Senator Stan McClain reduced the request to \$500,000 following his request for a rollover of unspent CASA Marion funds from the previous year. It remains unclear whether the legislature approved that rollover request.

SMA Healthcare Match Funds FY 25-26 – Curt Bromund provided an overview of the SMA Healthcare match funding, as outlined in the board packet.

Old Business

None.



FINANCE REPORT

May 2025 Financials – Matt White reviewed the May 2025 financial statements, as presented in the board packet.

Rusty Branson made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Harrell, to approve the May 2025 financials. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Commitments FY 25-26 – Matt White reviewed the funding commitments for FY 25–26, as outlined in the board packet. He noted that these figures are subject to change over the coming months as additional information is received from providers.

Old Business

None.

Open Discussion

Commissioner Kathy Bryant expressed her gratitude to Rich Bianculli and Dr. Ram Vasudevan for their dedicated service as trustees on the Hospital District board.

Ken Kirkpatrick shared that he recently accompanied The Community Foundation to the Space Coast Health Foundation to learn more about impact investing.

Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.