



May 20, 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 May 20, 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, Rich Bianculli, Harvey Vandeven

Absent

Ken Marino

Other Present in Office

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Matt White, Michelle Stone, Kimberly Glancy, Crystal Pfriendr, Jessica Cole, Rob Batsel, Chris Cervellera, Charlie Stone, Ken Kirkpatrick, Tom Schmite, Angie Clifton, April McDonald, Carly Sullivan Orozco, Jennifer Murty, Bruce Akerman, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Iffy Akwule-Udoch (via Zoom), Brian Creekbaum

Invocation

The meeting opened with invocation by David Cope.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)

Carly Sullivan Orozco from Phoenix House Florida addressed the board to introduce herself as the new Business Development Representative. During the discussion, Rich Bianculli inquired about the number of Marion County residents currently at Phoenix House. Mrs. Orozco was unable to provide the specific number at the time but assured the board that she would obtain the information and follow up accordingly.

Teresa Stephens took a moment to express her gratitude for David Cope's time on the MCHD Board. She noted that the upcoming June board meeting would be Mr. Cope's last as a trustee and mentioned that he would not be in attendance. Mrs. Stephens thanked Mr. Cope for his dedicated service, highlighting his contributions and commitment during his tenure.



ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MCHD April 29, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes as corrected. 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 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 Update – Rusty Branson spoke about the Operations Manual. He is collaborating with staff on an operational update. Once the manual has been updated and reviewed by the legal team, it will be presented to the board for approval.

Budget Process FY 24-25 – Rusty Branson spoke about the FY 24-25 budget process timeline. He informed the board that the timeline was provided in the board packet for the trustees to review.

Legal

Alternate Attorney Introduction – Curt Bromund introduced Attorney Chris Cervellera from CERV Law, PLLC. Mr. Cervellera will serve as MCHD's alternate legal counsel when there is a conflict of interest for the Gooding & Batsel legal team. Mr. Cervellera addressed the board to introduce himself and provide some background information.



Rob Batsel, Gooding & Batsel – Rob Batsel provided a few updates for the trustees. He spoke about the MCHD email addresses that were created for the trustees to help keep MCHD public records organized and separate from private accounts, which will also facilitate public records requests. Mr. Batsel mentioned that he has been working with staff on a new, updated procedure for handling public record requests. Additionally, he noted that trustees have been undergoing training on legal issues relevant to their roles.

MOU for College of Central Florida Update – Chris Cervellera stated that there isn't much of an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at this time. The College of Central Florida and AdventHealth are currently in discussions regarding the final wording of the MOU, which pertains to the naming of the new building on the college's campus.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

Harvey Vandeven opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

New Business

Quarterly Updates: Beacon Point, LIP Funds, SMA Match – Crystal Pfriendr discussed the quarterly updates for Beacon Point, LIP: Heart of Florida and Langley that were included in the board packet. Mrs. Pfriendr highlighted a success story from the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at Beacon Point.

211 Funding Update – Curt Bromund discussed the 2-1-1 proposal from United Way, which was provided in the board packet. United Way is requesting \$30,000 from MCHD to assist with their 2-1-1 program. Mr. Bromund is seeking approval from the board for \$30,000 for one year to allow time to evaluate the efficacy of the calls to 2-1-1.

A motion was made by Rich Bianculli to approve allocating the \$30,000 to United Way and to evaluate the efficacy rates of the calls in six months. The motion was seconded by Harvey Vandeven. The Motion passed unanimously. **Rusty Branson abstained from voting since he sits on the United Way board. Mr. Branson's signed 8B Form recusing himself from the vote is attached and filed with Marion County Hospital District's May 20, 2024 meeting minutes.**

Parking Lot Beacon Point – Debra Velez discussed the need for more parking at Beacon Point due to increased services. Kimley Horn provided a proposal, which was included in the board packet. Staff is requesting the board approve up to \$30,000 for Kimley-Horn to conduct the survey, permitting, and engineering.



A motion was made by Ram Vasudevan to approve up to \$30,000 to Kimley-Horn to conduct the survey, permitting, and engineering subject to being in compliance with our policy. The motion was seconded by Rusty Branson. The Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

FINANCE REPORT

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

A motion was made by Rusty Branson to approve the April 2024 Financials, motion was seconded by Harvey Vandeven. The Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Reallocation Request – Matt White stated there is going to be a surplus in Beacon Point operations. Management has requested that the \$69,000 in surplus funds be reutilized to target more populations in need of services. Specifically, the funds should be reallocated and spread among the general operations for AMP, FANS, and CHP.

A motion was made by Rich Bianculli to approve reallocating \$69,000 from Beacon Point and spread amongst general operations for AMP, FANS, and CHP, motion was seconded by David Cope. The Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Project Discussion – David Cope remarked that The Hospital District has accomplished some incredible things and expressed his hope that the board will continue to achieve great successes in the future. Mr. Cope expressed his gratitude for his time on the board.

Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.