



**October 28, 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 October 28, 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: Teresa Stephens, Harvey Vandeven, Stephanie Harrell, Ken Kirkpatrick, Rusty Branson, Ram Vasudevan arrived at 5:15.

**Absent**

Rich Bianculli

**Other Present in Office**

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Michelle Stone, Matt White, Kimberly Glancy, Crystal Pfriendler, Mac Mackay, Austin Markham, Jessica Cole, Brandi Glover, Nathan Howes, Adam Palmer, TJ Loewe, Brandon Wright, Mark Bendinelli, Will Acuff, Mayor Ben Marciano, Lauren Debick, Ashley Gerds, Jennifer Murty, Bruce Akerman, Brian Creekbaum, Phil Rosler, Todd Belknayo, Stephen Petty, Don Kennedy, Charles Calhoun, Charles Dodge, Tom Jones, Donald Poubin, Grace Dunlevy, Bob Levenson.

**Invocation**

The meeting opened with invocation by Ken Kirkpatrick.

**Public Comment (3 Minutes)**

None.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MCHD September 24, 2024 Budget and Pillar Workshop Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to adopt the MCHD Budget and Pillar Workshop Meeting Minutes. With no Further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**



**MCHD September 30, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Stephanie Harrell, seconded by Rusty Branson to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **New Business**

**CEO Update** – Curt Bromund gave his CEO update as outlined in the board packet.

**His Compassion Food Bank Request** – Mr. Bromund informed the board of a request from His Compassion Food Bank, which had the opportunity to receive 9 truckloads of food from FEMA in response to recent hurricanes. The food bank requested \$9,800 from the Hospital District to help secure the food for Marion County for emergency purposes. Mr. Bromund approved the request for \$9,800, noting that he has the authority to approve expenditures under \$10,000, pending subsequent ratification by the board. Mr. Bromund reported that His Compassion confirmed they received 11 truckloads from FEMA. He noted that food distributions will be reported similarly to the hospital district's traditional grants.

**A motion was made by Ken Kirkpatrick, seconded by Harvey Vandeven to ratify Mr. Bromund's approval of \$9,800 in funding to support His Compassion Food Bank in delivering FEMA-supplied food to churches and food banks in Marion County. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT**

Stephanie Harrell opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

### **New Business**

**Vet Resource Center Presentation** – Vet Resource Center staff presented a proposal to the board requesting a \$300,000 grant to support young veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins, which have led to early-onset cancer in many cases. They emphasized the lack of adequate cancer screening for veterans in Marion County and the need for more efforts to inform young veterans about their elevated cancer risks.

The proposal includes funding for the Galleri test, a highly effective early-detection blood test endorsed by a prominent research doctor who provided a letter validating its efficacy. With approximately 46,000 veterans in Marion County, the grant would also fund a public awareness campaign to educate young veterans on the connection between burn pit



exposure and cancer, available cancer screening options, and resources for navigating services if a diagnosis is confirmed.

**A motion was made by Rusty Branson, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to approve \$300,000 to Vet Resource Center for FY 24-25. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Teresa Stephens called for a 2 minute break.**

**Healthy Marion/Ocala Website** – Mayor Ben Marciano addressed the board regarding a gap in the community's access to medical, dental, substance use, and behavioral health services. The Mayor proposed the creation of a dedicated online resource to provide information on available services in Marion County, with the Mayor actively promoting this initiative. He has committed \$5,000 from the city to support the project and is asking for \$15,200 from the Hospital District.

Lauren Debick from Creative Services discussed the website plans. This page will feature videos from the Mayor and other community influencers highlighting various services, along with links to resource guides and other health-related information.

**A motion was made by Stephanie Harrell, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to approve \$15,200 for the Healthy Marion/Ocala Website. 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 reviewed Wilshire's investment overview, as provided in the agenda packet.

**Graystone** – Adam Palmer and TJ Loewe from Graystone reviewed Graystone's investment overview, as provided in the agenda packet.

**Truist** – Mike Hill from Truist reviewed Truist's investment overview, as provided in the agenda packet.



**Cresset** – Mark Bendinelli from Cresset reviewed Cresset’s investment overview, as provided in the agenda packet.

**Wilshire Scope of Expansion Proposal** – Curt Bromund discussed the expansion of responsibilities for Wilshire to assist with MCHD's fiduciary role. The proposal includes having Wilshire conduct an annual fee analysis of investor fees. This would be added as an addendum to the current contract with Wilshire.

**A motion was made by Ram Vasudevan, seconded by Rusty Branson to approve an additional \$10,000 to the current Wilshire contract. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

#### **New Business**

**MOA for Opioid Abatement Funds** – Rusty Branson discussed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Hospital District to oversee the opioid abatement settlement funds. The Hospital District will be responsible for monitoring and administering the funds. The MOA was included in the agenda packet.

**A motion was made by Ken Kirkpatrick, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to approve the MOA with Marion County for the Opioid Abatement Funds. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

**DV Appropriations Account** – At the last board meeting, it was approved to open a new bank account to manage the domestic violence appropriation funds. The Department of Children and Families required the account to be interest-bearing. Truist recommended a money market account as the best option to meet this requirement. Therefore, a money market account was opened to hold the domestic violence appropriation funding.

**Return of Funds from Heart of Florida** – In 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a mobile medical and dental bus for the Heart of Florida. A deposit of



\$321,912 was paid in 2021 to initiate production. However, the bus experienced multiple production delays, and the cost of insurance and ongoing operational expenses have since become unsustainable for Heart of Florida. As a result, the organization decided to sell the bus to the former CEO's new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Naples. On September 30, 2024, MCHD received a refund from Heart of Florida, which was deposited into the MCHD operating account.

**Balanced Scorecard FY 23-24 Results** – Crystal Pfriender reviewed the FY 23-24 Balanced Scorecard results, as outlined in the agenda packet.

**Balanced Scorecard FY 24-25** – Crystal Pfriender presented the proposed FY 24-25 Balanced Scorecard, as outlined in the agenda packet.

**A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Ken Kirkpatrick to approve the FY 24-25 Balanced Scorecard. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Legal:**

**AdventHealth Annual Compliance Review** – Mac Mackay provided a brief overview of AdventHealth's Annual Report Compliance review, which was included in the agenda packet. AdventHealth is in compliance with the requirements of its lease with MCHD.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

**September 2024 Financials** – Matt White conducted a review of the September 2024 financial statements, as presented in the board packet. Mr. White informed the board that Purvis Gray will begin the financial audit in November.

**A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to approve the September 2024 Financials. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.**