October 26, 2026
MCHD Board Minutes
Rusty Branson, Chairman

Call to Order
The Marion County Hospital District Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting was called to order by Rusty Branson on October 26, 2026, 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, Rusty Branson, Ken Kirkpatrick, Loretha Tolbert-Rich, Harvey Vandeven, Stephanie Harrell arrived at 5:03, Mark Ortolani arrived at 5:05

Other Present in Office
Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Matt White, Jessica Cole, Crystal Pfriender, Kimberly Glancy, Matthew McClain, Kenneth (Mac) MacKay, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Jadon Milton (via Zoom), Brandon Richter, Julia Raven, Bruce Ackerman, TJ Loew (via Zoom), Mark Bendinelli (via Zoom)

Invocation
The meeting opened with invocation by Ken Kirkpatrick.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)
None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The MCHD September 28, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Teresa Stephens made a motion, seconded by Loretha Tolbert - Rich to adopt the previous minutes. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

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

INVESTMENT REPORT

New Business

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.

Quarterly Report:

Graystone – TJ Loew of Graystone provided a review of the firm's investment overview via Zoom.

Cresset – Mark Bendinelli of Cresset provided a review of the firm's investment overview via Zoom.

Wilshire Overview – Nathan Howes provided Wilshire's investment overview via Zoom.

RFP 26-002: Alternative Investment Management Commonfund Update – Kenneth (Mac) MacKay advised that negotiations with Commonfund regarding the investment management agreement are ongoing. He thinks the agreement can be finalized in time to bring it before the trustees at the November board meeting.

Old Business

None.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

New Business

CEO Performance Evaluation – Curt Bromund's CEO evaluation will be emailed to the Trustees for completion in Trackstar. The completed evaluations must be submitted by December 28, 2026.

November Board Meeting at Beacon Point – Rusty Branson reminded everyone that the November 16, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting will be held at Beacon Point, Building 1 – Chief Graham Recovery Center at 5:00 PM.

Old Business

None.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

Stephanie Harrell opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

New Business

WellFlorida Funding FY 26-27 – WellFlorida's Nurse-Family Partnership program provides evidence-based home visiting and support to at-risk pregnant women and their infants, including families affected by substance use. Participants are paired with experienced registered nurses early in pregnancy and receive individualized support through their child's second birthday. Services include prenatal and newborn education, parenting support, developmental screenings, infant safety assessments, and referrals to community resources.

WellFlorida is utilizing space at Beacon Point for the program staff and refers participating clients to services available on campus. This presence supports coordination among providers and helps connect families with additional resources for their health, recovery, and overall well-being.

MCHD approved $178,000 in funding for the program. The Opioid Abatement Committee and the County Commissioners subsequently approved $89,000 in opioid abatement funding, covering half of the program's cost. This reduces MCHD's funding responsibility to $89,000, making the remaining $89,000 of its original allocation available for other needs.

Teresa Stephens made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to approve amending the budget for the $89,000 to WellFlorida. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

None.

FINANCE REPORT

September 2026 Financials – Matt White reviewed the September 2026 financial statements, as presented in the board packet.

Harvey Vaneven made a motion, seconded by Teresa Stephens to approve the September 2026 financials. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.

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Old Business

Dr. Harrell asked for an update on the McKnight Brain Institute's Alzheimer's study. Curt Bromund reported that he met with Senator McClain and Commissioner McClain, who are working with him to identify an additional source of funding for the study to supplement the funds requested from the Hospital District.

Rusty Branson adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.