



**September 30, 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 September 30, 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, Rich Bianculli, Harvey Vandeven, Stephanie Harrell, Ken Kirkpatrick, Rusty Branson, Ram Vasudevan arrived at 5:18.

Other Present in Office

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Michelle Stone, Matt White, Kimberly Glancy, Crystal Pfriendler, Mac Mackay, Austin Markham, Jessica Cole, Brandi Glover, Jessica Fieldhouse, Bruce Akerman, Tom O'Mara, Brian Creekbaum, Nathan Howes (via Zoom) Jadon Milton (via Zoom)

Invocation

The meeting opened with invocation by Ken Kirkpatrick.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)

None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MCHD August 26, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Rusty Branson, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to adopt the previous MCHD board meeting minutes as corrected. 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.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT



Curt Bromund opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

New Business

Ocala Mainstreet Project at Tuscowilla – Brandi Glover introduced Jessica Fieldhouse, Executive Director of Ocala Mainstreet. Ms. Fieldhouse presented a funding request for "The Heart of the Park" initiative. Ocala Mainstreet has acquired the old American Legion building from the City of Ocala, with plans to transform it into a community hub promoting healthy lifestyles. They are requesting \$150,000 from the Marion County Hospital District to assist with building renovations, which would also secure space for MCHD programs in the facility for five years. Trustees had several questions regarding this proposal. MCHD staff will do further research on this proposal on behalf of the Trustees.

Pillar Focus Areas – Curt Bromund discussed the proposed changes to the pillars. The updated pillars are as follows: Diabetes/Obesity, Substance Use Disorder/Behavioral Health/Tobacco, Unintentional Injury, and Prevention.

A motion was made by Rusty Branson, seconded by Harvey Vandeven to approve the pillar focus areas as presented. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Funding of Health Projects – Brandi Glover reviewed the recommended funding for two new health projects. The first project is a request from United Hands, doing business as FreeDOM Dental, for \$70,272 to support a denture program serving uninsured and underinsured, low-income residents of Marion County.

A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Rich Bianculli to approve the the \$70,272 to United Hands. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The second recommended health project discussed by Mrs. Glover is a request from Heart of Florida for \$217,000 to provide comprehensive adult dental services for Marion County residents.

A motion was made by Rich Bianculli, seconded by Stephanie Harrell to approve the the \$217,000 to Heart of Florida. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Program Outcomes FY 24-25: Provided in the agenda packet.

FANS – Jessica Cole discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.



CHP – Jessica Cole discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.

AMP – Jessica Cole discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.

Beacon Point Providers – Crystal Pfriendr discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.

Match Funding (SMA and Heart of Florida) – Crystal Pfriendr discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.

Strategic Initiatives Projects – Brandi Glover discussed the performance measures and outcomes for FY 24-25.

A motion was made by Ken Kirkpatrick, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to approve the current targets as presented by staff. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

New Business

Data Coordinator Position – Rusty Branson discussed the need for a data coordinator position at MCHD. The position will be partially funded by opioid settlement funds and partially by MCHD. A copy of the job description is included in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Harvey Vandeven, seconded by Ram Vasudevan to approve the Data Coordinator Position subject to the MOU being approved by the County. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Rich Bianculli recused himself from the vote due to his role on the Opioid Settlement Committee at the county. Mr. Bianculli completed Form 8B.

New Bank Account for DV Appropriation Funds – The Marion County Hospital District was awarded a \$2 million state appropriation to establish and enhance quality domestic violence services and facilities for CASA of Marion. These funds, provided by the Department of Children and Families, will be administered and monitored by MCHD to ensure proper use by CASA of Marion. Staff recommends opening a separate bank account at Truist to manage the domestic violence appropriation funds.



A motion was made by Ram Vasudevan, seconded by Rusty Branson to approve the opening of a bank account at Truist for the appropriation funds. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.

New Business

Wilshire Investment Overview – Nathan Howes (via Zoom) reviewed Wilshire’s investment overview which was provided in the Board packet.

Old Business

None.

FINANCE REPORT

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

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

Final Budget FY 24/25 – Matt White conducted a review of the FY 24-25 budget included in the board packet.

A motion was made by Ken Kirkpatrick to approve the FY 24-25 budget, motion was seconded by Ram Vasudevan. The Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Leads – Teresa Stephens addressed the committee leads which are as follows:

Strategic Initiatives – Dr. Stephanie Harrell

Operations – Rusty Branson (remains) Operations Lead

Investments – Teresa Stephens (remains) Investments Lead

Audit Lead – Ken Kirkpatrick



Teresa Stephens reminded the trustees that if they are approached by anyone regarding a potential funding request for the Marion County Hospital District, they should direct them to Curt Bromund or Debra Velez for evaluation of the request. Curt and Debra will then present the request to the trustees for discussion if deemed appropriate.

Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.