

Minutes for 5-22-2025

Memorial Regional Health Board of Trustees Meeting

750 Hospital Loop, Craig, Colorado 81625

Education Session

At the afternoon education session held at 5:00 p.m. the MRH Medical Staff ByLaws, and Rules and Regulations were discussed.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Ponikvar, Chair, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Board members present: Dr. Allan Reishus, Amy Updike, John Ponikvar, Steve Hilley, Roger Richmond, and Denise Arola.

Board member absent: Dr. Kelly Hepworth.

Staff present: Jennifer Riley, Michael Buda, Dr. Linda Couillard, Dr. Jeffrey Womble, Becky Forney, Kyle Miller, Kristine Cooper, Brittany Johnson, Austin Hill, Paula Belcher, Amanda Bauerle, Olivia Scheele, Todd Jourgensen, and Julie Hanna.

Guests present: David Studebaker and Chris Dillon of the audit firm of Eide Bailly, and Randy Looper of Craig City Council.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

There were no request to address the board.

Employee Recognition

There were no recognitions for this meeting.

Partner Updates

Moffat County Commissioners

City of Craig. Randy Looper reported on the city's recent activities.

The price of the townhomes at 775 Russell has been lowered from \$275,000 to \$235,000. They are working with the realtor to create more interest in the townhomes by contacting various employee groups and giving presentations.

The Meadow Woods Apartments project is moving forward, having been delayed by an environmental study. The expected closing date is in July with ground breaking in August.

The city is helping guide the county on improvements at Loudy Simpson Park. Old trees have been taken out and new trees were planted in appropriate areas. The second ball field should be complete by June.

A meeting on a possible trail between the Transit Center and the Boys and Girls Club was held to discuss a survey, planning and asphalt by the city.

The city has hired a third CSO as the number of calls has steadily been increasing.

The Rural Transit Authority held stakeholders meetings and discussed the survey showing 65% positivity for the project. Next steps are to take formation of the RTA District to the voters in 2025. Funds from Steamboat and various state grants will be used to hire administration to begin the process. The taxing part will probably be taken to the voters in 2026 or 2027.

The Solar Garden has generated \$21,000 in credits which the city will now be receiving. The Diversion Project is now officially called the Craig River Park. The city business plan competition kicks off on July 1, 2024 with final winners announced October 15. For Memorial Day, the VFW is holding a flag retirement event.

Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

2024 MRH Financial Audit Draft

David Studebaker and Chris Dillon of the audit firm Eide Bailly presented the 2024 MRH Financial Audit Draft and responded to questions. There were no findings and they complimented all the accounting team members for a job well done.

MOTION 2025 - 52: Moved by Denise Arola, seconded by Amy Updike, That the Board of Trustees approve the 2024 MRH Financial Audit as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

2024 MRH Medicare Cost Report

Brittany Johnson presented the 2024 MRH Medicare Cost Report.

MOTION 2025-53: Moved by Denise Arola, seconded by Amy Updike, That the Board of Trustees authorize Brittany Johnson to sign and file the 2024 MRH Medicare Cost Report. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees Facility Visitation Report

No report was given.

Monthly Calendar

The June calendar was reviewed by the board.

Consent Agenda - Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2025 - 54: Moved by Amy Updike, seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve the 4-24-2025 MRH Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes; and accept the 5-19-2025 MRH Finance Committee Minutes; the 4-16-2025 MRH Foundation Meeting Minutes; the MRH Foundation Board Classification 2025; and the 5-14-2025 QSC Meeting Minutes. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Quality and Patient Safety-Crisis Response: Behavioral Health in the ED.

Austin Hill, Behavioral Health Director, supervises the crisis response team and the safety support advocates. The purpose of the team is to support patients in crisis in the ED with resource connections, follow up contacts, and tracking for continuing care. Another component is the Suicide Coalition led by Ashley Ellis with several other community partner organizations.

MRH Financial Reports

MRH Financials - April 2025 as presented by Brittany Johnson, CFO.

Income Statement: Gross revenue for the month of April was at \$13.7m (Column A, Line 4) compared to a budget of \$13.7m. Prior year gross revenue was \$14.1m. Net Patient Revenue was \$7.9m (Column A, Line 10) for April on a budget of \$7.1m and prior year at \$8m.

Expenses: Total expenses for the month were at \$6.7m (column A, line 34) which was under budget by \$468k. Employee health insurance ran higher in April at \$653k compared to a monthly average of \$384k. We had 6 contract labor staff in April (column A, line 20).

Gain/Loss on investment (column A, line 39)- EMS was moved under MRH as of 1/1/2025 and will no longer be reflected on this line.

The net income for April was \$1.3m on a budget of \$6k. YTD net income is \$1.4m on a budget of \$267k.

Balance Sheet: Operating cash for the month is at \$5m (column A, line 1) which is up from prior month at \$4.5m. Our cash collections contributed to this increase as we had an outstanding billing issue with Colorado Medicaid come to resolution. We also moved \$625k into our investment account (Column A, line 2). Under limited use assets (column A, line 18), we have \$4.2m reserved for future cost reports. On column A, line 19 we have \$4.6m that we have self-reserved for future capital purchases.

Days in AR: Days in AR is at 74 days for April.

Days Cash on Hand:

Total days cash on hand is at 76.9 days in April, which is up from prior month at 69.7 days. One day of cash equals \$208,213.

Capital Purchase Summary. The status summary of projects in process was reviewed.

Capital Planning and Recommended Replacement Schedule. Brittany Johnson presented this annual report as a planning tool, and as required by the USDA for loan compliance which estimates the capital expenditures for the next five years. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the report be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 2025 - 55: Moved by Dr. Allan Reishus, seconded by Denise Arola, That the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 MRH Recommended Replacement Schedule. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Projects and Capital Purchases as recommended by the Finance Committee

Specialty Clinic Asphalt Project This procurement was presented by Todd Jourgensen. He indicated that the current asphalt at 600 Russell is in poor condition with multiple cracks, holes, and areas that hold water which is doing additional damage. Two estimates were received with the lower one being Steamboat Asphalt at a cost of \$72,353.25. The Finance Committee recommended the procurement be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 2025 - 56: Moved by Denise Arola, seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve the asphalt paving bid for the Specialty Clinic in the amount of \$72,353.25 from Steamboat Asphalt. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda - Medical Staff Privileges

Dr. Jeffrey Womble, Chief of Staff, presented the medical staff privileges to the board.

MOTION 2025-57: Moved by Denise Arola, seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve the Medical Staff Privileges as reviewed and recommended by the Credentials Committee and approved by the Medical Executive Committee:

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustees for **Provisional Staff** appointment:

- **Chance Sullivan, MD – Emergency Medicine.** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Sullivan and they recommend his appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.
- **Sean Bowman, MD – Tele-Radiology (proxy).** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Bowman and they recommend his appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.
- **Nicholas Wilson, MD – Tele-Radiology (proxy).** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Wilson and they recommend his appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.
- **Raphael Zohn, MD – Tele-Radiology (proxy).** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Zohn and they recommend his appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.
- **Michael Hickey, PA-C – Physician Assistant.** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Mr. Hickey and they recommend his appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.
- **Lexa Johnson, FNP-C ENP-C RNFA – Nurse Practitioner, Surgical First Assist.** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Ms. Johnson and they recommend her appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one year.

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustees for **Advancement** of privileges: None.

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustee for **Reappointment** of privileges:

- **George Holmes, MD – Pathology.** The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Holmes and they recommend his reappointment to the Associate Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of three (3) years.

Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports - 2025 Q1 Report for Infection Prevention

Olivia Scheele reported to the board on the 2025 Q1 Infection Prevention Dashboard.

Old Business

MRH Medical Staff Bylaws, and MRH Medical Staff Rules and Regulations. Jennifer Riley presented the final updated versions.

MOTION 2025 - 58: Moved by Dr. Allan Reishus, seconded by Amy Updike, That the Board of Trustees approve the updated MRH Medical Staff Bylaws, and MRH Medical Staff Rules and Regulations. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business

Cardinal Health Contract. Kyle Miller presented a new negotiated contract with Cardinal Health which bundles the retail pharmacy and the hospital pharmacy into one at a cost of \$25,000 per month. This would be a three-year contract with an option to term after fifteen months with a 90 day without cause option. The Finance Committee recommended that the procurement be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 2025 - 59 - Moved by Amy Updike, seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve the Carinal Health Contract contract. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hanna, Executive Assistant and Recorder