

**HOWARD COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 31, 2022**

**ROLL CALL, QUORUM**

Members present: Carol Schroeder, Chairperson; Michael Nelson, Vice-Chairperson; Harriet Steenson, Secretary; David Brehm, Treasurer and Dan Nielsen, Member.  
Also present: Arlan Johnson, CEO; Morgan Meyer, CFO; Jillyn Klein, COO; Paula Ryan, RN, Chief Nursing Officer and Adam Rensch, M.D., Chief of Staff.

The meeting was called to order by Schroeder at 3:00P.M. A Quorum was declared. Notification was published in the Phonograph Herald.

- A motion was made by Nielsen and supported by Brehm to approve the agenda.

Aye: Schroeder, Nelson, Steenson, Brehm, Nielsen

Nay: None

Motion carried by roll call.

- Minutes - A motion was made by Nelson and supported by Steenson to accept the minutes of the July27, 2022 meeting.

Aye: Schroeder, Nelson, Steenson, Brehm, Nielsen

Nay: None

Motion carried by roll call.

- Administrators Report - Reviewed by Johnson.
- Board Education: PHV (Prairie Health Ventures) Conference update was reviewed by Johnson
- Financial Report for July 2022 reviewed by Meyer. See attachment

**REPORTS**

- Medical Staff Report – Rensch reported that the medical staff met on Monday August 29, 2022; the usual reports and minutes were approved without concerns. Dr. Hadford Radiologist was in attendance he had no concerns. He did note that they continue to work on turn around times for the weekends as well as they are trying to hire additional radiologists. New business consisted of a zoom meet and greet by the pulmonology group at Bryan Health, they wanted to put a name to a face with our providers. This is the telemedicine assistance that our staff will use in the ER and patient rooms as needed. They are eager to get started. It was noted that Dr. Clinch’s office wasn’t scheduling patients in St Paul. Paula Ryan went to their offices yesterday and visited with them about the needed process when scheduling cataract removal at HCMC.

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- Credentials - A motion was made by Brehm and supported by Nielsen to approve the recommendations from the medical staff for the following:  
Appointments: Louis Violi, M.D.; Jonathan Spencer, M.D.; Kevin Reichmuth, M.D.; Ali Piper, M.D.; Radu Neamu, M.D.; Ryan Martin, M.D.; Harvey Hopkins, M.D.; Matthew Maslonka, M.D.; William Johnson, M.D.; Jeffrey Jarrett, M.D.; Douglas Fiedler, M.D.; Pavankumar Bommasamudram, M.D.; Stephen Mikus, M.D.; Imad Uddin, M.D.; James Rooks, M.D. Reappointments: Kavir Saxena, M.D.; Allie Sohn, M.D.; Travis Tonnigen, CRNA

Aye: Schroeder, Nelson, Steenson, Brehm, Nielsen  
Nay: None

Motion carried by roll call.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- IT Switches – a motion was made by Steenson and supported by Nelson to approve the purchase of the IT switches per attached documentation.

Aye: Schroeder, Nelson, Steenson, Brehm, Nielsen  
Nay: None

Motion carried by roll call.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Therapy/Wellness Project – The concrete walls were ordered on August 30<sup>th</sup> – this has a 13 month turn around time. They continue to move along with the project. It was noted that the land at the far North of the hospital's property was owned by the City, Johnson has an upcoming meeting with the City to discuss this property.
- COVID – The numbers in Nebraska continue to come down, last week there were 200 and now there are 180 in the hospital with 3 on vents. There are two new boosters that will be available they pertain to the new variant BA-5. These will be available soon. It was discussed whether or not to continue masking in the facility, after discussion with our medical staff and legal counsel; it was decided to continue to mask as not doing so could cause us to lose our Medicare certification.
- Strategic Plan – All of the discussion in the board education this month has something to do with our Strategic Plan in one way or another; 340B, ACO, etc.
- Facility Projects – The nurses station remodel is complete as well as the flooring in this area. The OB bathrooms are almost done. We will be winding down on outdoor projects with winter coming.

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- Retirement Account Overview – see attachment
- Governance Retreat – see attachment
- Quality update – see attachment
- OB Marketing update – see attachment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022; hospital conference room, 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00P.M.

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Carol Schroeder, Chairperson

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Mike Nelson, Vice-Chairperson jk