



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
MarinHealth Medical Center
Conference Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Alfrey called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Board members present: Chair Edward Alfrey, MD; Vice Chair Brian Su, MD;

Secretary Ann Sparkman, RN/BSN, JD; Jennifer Rienks, PhD; Samantha Ramirez, BSW

Staff present: David Klein, MD, CEO; Eric Brettner, CFO; Colin Leary, General Counsel;
Tricia Lee, EA

Guest Present: Jill Kinney, VP Marketing; Watson Creative

2. General Public Comment

There was no public Comment

3. Approve Agenda

Ms. Sparkman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Rienks seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

4. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024

Ms. Rienks moved to approve the minutes with minor correction to the rebranding logo proposal to include the 2nd logo option to be presented. Ms. Sparkman seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

5. Approve Change Healthcare Funding Agreement Pursuant to Section 10.1(d) of MHMC Bylaws

Change Healthcare has been impacted by a ransomware attack that is disrupting claim payments to providers. Change Healthcare has proposed to providers a temporary funding assistance program. While the effects of the incident, if any on MHMC are unclear, the incident could potentially affect MHMC and impact its cash flow, MHMC management recommends that MHMC have the flexibility to participate in such funding program. This would allow funding assistance of \$32M

Dr. Su moved to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Rienks seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

6. MHD Rebranding Logo Proposal

Watson Creative presented the two favored options from their presentation at the February board meeting. The board agreed to move forward with the favored option to include font changes. Watson Creative will present the final revision at the April board meeting.



7. Healthcare Advocacy and Emerging Challenges and Trends

Dr. Klein reported on California's Managed Care Organization Tax (MCO). The MCO tax revenue will be used to augment Medi-Cal provider rates.

Dr. Klein reported an ongoing delay with SB700.

Seismic Requirements deadline of January 1, 2030. The language for a legislative proposal SB 1432, that would bring much needed relief to hospitals from current seismic building standards was discussed.

Dr. Klein reported on the Distressed Hospital Loan Program. There were several awardees that received this loan. The intent is to offer interest-free cashflow loan to not for profit and public hospitals in significant financial distress to prevent closure or facilitate reopening.

Office of Health Care affordability to set a statewide health growth target of 3%.

Dr. Klein reported on AB 2200, Guaranteed Health Care for All.

E-Bike legislation update, Dr. Klein and Dr. Maa are drafting a letter to the Transportation Board in support of Assemblyman Connolly's bill AB 1778.

Dr. Klein reported on CA AB977, protection from assault for healthcare workers, has passed through CA and is with the Senate.

8. Committee Reports

A. Finance & Audit Committee

Finance & Audit did not meet.

B. Lease, Building, Education and Outreach Committee

Ms. Rienks reported on a successful Health Eating with celebrity Chef Hugh Gorman event.

Ms. Ramirez suggested a brief MHD introduction to the audience at future events, for participants to better understand the Marin Healthcare District.

9. Reports

A. Hospital and District CEO's Report

Dr. Klein reported a strong year end close. The organization will present to S&P Global. All of the goals set for 2023 were achieved.

Dr. Klein reported we are on budget for January operating margin.



Dr. Klein reported on new physician recruits including primary care physicians, a minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon, hand surgeon, and plastic surgeon.

MarinHealth and UCSF held a retreat to discuss what is working well and what improvements can be made.

Dr. Klein reported the acquisition of Marin Specialty Surgery Center is near completion.

Imaging will be opening this summer in Novato, which will include MRI, X-ray, mammogram, tomosynthesis and vascular imaging.

Nuclear Medicine scanner is at the end of life, new camera is currently under construction. During the construction of the new scanner a temporary mobile scanner will be brought in.

Safety and security measures are new completion of cost and feasibility study for AI metal detection for the Emergency Room as well as the electronic visitor management system.

Office risk assessments have begun with the assistance of the Marin County Sheriff's office.

Innovation Task Force has been created.

The SCORE Culture and Engagement Survey related to safety is in process.

New Grad nursing program has been successful.

Dr. Klein relayed that Form 700 would be going out and the need to be completed.

CDC COVID Guideline have changed. Incidentally, masking will no longer be required in the hospital effective March 31, 2024.

Pharmacy compounding construction has begun.

Initiative with Huron related to Clinical Efficiencies is ongoing.

The electronic board portal option has been narrowed down to two (2) options.

FEMA reimbursement update, Application is still in process.

B. Chair's and Board Members' Reports

Ms. Ramirez shared a successful Teen Girl Conference.



Ms. Rienks shared an email from a grateful patient. Ms. Rienks also spoke on the need to be environmentally conscious and moving away from the use of plastic.

Dr. Su shared the passing of a colleague.

Chair Alfrey discussed bringing back the Health Fair.

10. Agenda Suggestions for Future Meetings

There were no further suggestions.

11. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Chair Alfrey adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.