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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES JUNE 19, 2020

**Members present via Zoom:** Cindy Yulich (Chair), Larry McElwain (Vice-Chair), Bob Moody (Treasurer), Beth Llewellyn (Secretary), Tom Sloan, Pat Miller, Jim Brooke, Rob Chestnut, Dr. Marc Scarbrough, Dr. Lee Reussner, Dr. Jim Mandigo, Russ Johnson, Sheryle D'Amico, Traci Hoopingarner, Janette Kirkpatrick, Deb Cartwright, Brian Bradfield, Colleen Browne, Jared Abel, Michael Williams, Rebecca Smith, Andy Ramirez (Hospital Counsel)

**Other attendees via Zoom:** Danae Johnson, Amy Northrop, Autumn Bell, Chad Lawhorn (LJ World) and 512 community members.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

# **Opening Statement**

The following opening statement was read by Danae Johnson, Director – Executive Administration:

"Good evening. Thank you for joining the LMH Health Board of Trustee's meeting. Before we get started, we'd like to outline a few important procedural details for this meeting:

- LMH Health Board of Trustees welcomes community feedback on policies and issues affecting its clinics and the hospital. In order to ensure time is used efficiently, we will not take public comments during the meeting. However, comments may be shared with board members in a number of different ways, including the comments section of our webpage, by emailing trustees@lmh.org, by calling 785-505-6138, or by contacting individual trustees with the contact information listed on our website at lmh.org.
- During the meeting, each Trustee will identify themselves using their first and last name prior to commenting.
- Roll call will be taken for voting on each item requiring board action.
- We may be having an executive session at this meeting. At the appointed time, and if needed, the Board
  Chair will call for a motion to enter into executive session. This motion will include the time that the open
  session of the meeting will resume. Executive session is reserved for Trustees and Hospital Executives only.
  Everyone else will be asked to leave the meeting during executive session and is welcome to return to the
  meeting when open session resumes.
- If members of the public wish to obtain meeting materials, please contact email <a href="mailto:trustees@lmh.org">trustees@lmh.org</a> or call 785-505-6138."

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented for review with approval requested.

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented. Made by Tom Sloan, Seconded by Bob Moody Motion carried.

# **ED / Hospitalist Contract Discussion**

• Cindy Yulich, Chair, opened the meeting with a recap of the events of the days since the announcement of the decision on the hospitalist and emergency department contracts. Ms. Yulich recognized the feedback the community and medical staff have given on the decision and expressed her desire for the meeting to show a recommitment to open, transparent dialogue.



- Russ Johnson, President and CEO, reported on the events that transpired since announcing the decision on
  the above mentioned contract. Mr. Johnson reviewed the process and principles of the decision which were
  rooted in both financial and quality outcomes. Mr. Johnson recognized that while the decision was based
  on these factors, it was important to consider the community's feedback. In consideration of this, Mr.
  Johnson proposed a pause in the contracting decision in order to communicate and listen to the Medical
  staff and to continue to seek common ground with LMH Health's local partners and physicians.
- A lengthy discussion followed between Trustees and the hospital's administrative team about the elements
  of the decision, the current financial state of the hospital, administration's responsibility to remain fiscally
  responsible and administration's next steps for the renegotiating the hospitalist and emergency department
  contracts.

MOTION made by Bob Moody to stop Emergency Department and Hospitalist contracting activity with Envision Physician Services to allow for LMH Health administration more time to meet with the Medical Staff, to revisit the proposal made by Lawrence Emergency Medical Associates and to further define the contract review process.

Seconded by Tom Sloan.

Motion carried.

# **Adjournment**

With no further business was presented, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.

MOTION made by Bob Moody, Seconded by Beth Llewellyn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Llewellyn, Secretary of the Board