

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2022**

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

Other attendees via Zoom: Danae Johnson, Amy Northrop, Autumn Bishop, Korianne Kaleikini, Erica Hill and Chad Lawhorn (LJ World)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

Opening Statement

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

“Good morning. Thank you for joining the LMH Health Board of Trustees 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 meeting participant 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 will not be having an executive session at this meeting.
- If members of the public wish to obtain meeting materials, please contact email trustees@lmh.org or call 785-505-6138.”

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

The agenda for the January 19, 2022 meeting and consent agenda (see below) were presented for review with approval requested.

- The following were presented for approval as part of the consent agenda:
 - Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Dec. 15, 2021 (Exhibit A)
 - Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Dec. 22, 2021 (Exhibit B)
 - Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Plan (Exhibit C)
 - Medical Executive Committee Recommendations:
 - Pediatric / Neonatal Clinical Privileges (Exhibit D) and appointments below

MEDICAL STAFF & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STAFF - New Appointments:

Kevin Bamberger, MD (Active Admitting; Emergency Medicine) - Initial appointment 1/19/2022 not to exceed 2 years.

Amr Mohsen, MD (Active Admitting; Internal Medicine/Interventional Cardiology) - Initial appointment 1/19/2022 not to exceed 2 years.

MEDICAL & LMH EMPLOYEE/ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STAFF – Reappointments:

Jennifer Bihlmaier, DO (Active Non-Admitting; Family Practice) - Reappointment 2/1/22 not to exceed 2 years.

COMPLETED FOCUSED PRACTITIONER PRACTICE EVALUATIONS:

Crystal Dunbar, APRN – Lawrence OB/GYN Specialists – Initial

PRIVILEGE &/or STATUS CHANGES & RESIGNATIONS:

Adam Goodyear, MD - Active Admitting/Orthopedic Surgery – Requests privilege addition of “MAKO Interactive Arm for Total Hip Procedures.”

Khylie Wurdeman, MD – Active Admitting/Emergency Medicine – Requests privilege additions of “Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy & Wound Care.”

K. Michael Zabel, MD – Active Admitting/Cardiology – Requests privilege additions of “Coronary CT Angiography & Interpretation.”

MOTION to approve the agenda and consent agenda.

Made by Larry McElwain,

Seconded by Tom Sloan.

Motion carried.

Chairperson of the Board Report

Beth Llewellyn, Chair, remarked about the role of the Board of Trustees:

- Trustees have an extensive orientation, ongoing education requirements, and opportunities to participate in KHA meetings for trustees.
- This last Saturday the Board of Trustees spent an all-day Zoom with a nationally recognized consultant, Jamie Orlikoff, to advance high performing boards. Items of discussion were:
 - The role of Trustees as the fiduciary stewards of LMH’s mission.
 - The commitment of Trustees to their duties of care, loyalty and obedience.
 - Decision making, policy setting and oversight is as a collective body of nine, not individuals.
 - Principles, processes and policy to improve Trustee performance as LMH’s governing body.
- In follow-up to that conversation, the Trustees are committed to spend the time required to ensure effective processes to act and decide to discharge their responsibilities, in the same spirit of continuous improvement and emerging inclusion diversity and equity that LMH lives by.

Chief of Staff Report

Dr. Jon Heeb recognized the progress that LMH has made related to inclusion, diversity and equity. This will continue to be an area of focus as the organization “hard wires” this into LMH’s culture.

CEO Report and Executive Team Report

CEO Comments:

- Russ Johnson, President and CEO, reported on:
 - **2022 priorities:** This year, LMH Health will heavily focus internally on people, patients and the pandemic.
 - **Gratitude for staff and providers:** Staff is LMH’s most precious resource—and the one that is most at risk at this point in our pandemic response. The organization is focused on ensuring the safety of staff. While these mitigation efforts make the hospital and clinics remarkably safe spaces, they can’t counteract what’s going on across the county. Adequate staffing has been a concern, especially given the high number of employees out due to COVID-19. In every case, all shifts at LMH have been staffed to meet or exceed the organization’s own high expectations. This is possible due to remarkable amount of flexibility from team members across the entire health system. The Leadership Team is grateful for their continued dedication.
 - **Foundation update:** The LMH Health Foundation shared its 2021 year-end numbers, with donors providing nearly \$3.8 million of support over our centennial year. This marks the Foundation’s second-most successful fundraising year in its 51 year history. This accomplishment comes on the heels of the \$4.2 million record set in 2019, one made possible by hundreds of donors who supported a number of major initiatives, including:
 - A second heart cath lab
 - LMH Health Cancer Center expansion and renovation
 - Health equity advancement
 - LMH Health Foundation Help and Healing Fund

Strategic Clinical Relationship Update

- Sheryle D’Amico, SVP – Strategic Integration, reported that conversations are still progressing, the with the University of Kansas Health System. Pandemic response activities have kept both organizations busy, but have not impacted the exploratory work being done on a possible strategic clinical relationship.

COVID Update

Traci Hoopingarner, SVP for Clinical Care and CNO, and Chris Penn, MD reported that:

- A vast majority of our COVID-positive inpatients are being treated for COVID. The virus is still deadly. Vaccines – and especially boosters – make a difference.
- LMH is doing everything possible to ensure the safety of healthcare workers, including:
 - Tightening the visitation policy, only allowing one visitor over the age of 12
 - Further enhancing PPE, including wearing N95 masks in the Emergency Department
 - Discontinuing in-person meetings and encouraging non-clinical staff to work from home
 - Regularly evaluating and prioritizing procedures based on staffing availability; patient impact remains minimal

- Utilizing telemedicine where appropriate
- These mitigation efforts make LMH's hospital and clinics remarkably safe spaces, but they can't counteract what's going on across the county. Patient and staff safety is our number one priority.
- Presently 100% of the new cases in Kansas are of the omicron lineage. Just three to four weeks ago, it was nearly all the Delta variant. While early studies suggest that the omicron variant may be less severe, the risk is still significant due to higher transmission and infection rates and strained hospital and clinic resources.
- Getting tested for COVID-19 is getting harder and harder, but Dr. Penn said that LMH Health is doing its best to ramp up availability and provide results as quickly as possible.
- PCR testing remains the gold standard, but antigen testing is available. The federal government is supplying four free COVID antigen tests per household.

Open Discussion

No topics for open discussion were presented.

Adjournment

With no further business presented, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

MOTION made by Dr. Shari Quick,
Seconded by Tom Sloan.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Miller".

Pat Miller, Secretary of the Board