

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 31, 2023**

**Members Present:** Tom Sloan (Chair), Pat Miller (Vice-Chair), Rob Chestnut (Treasurer), Dr. Shari Quick (Secretary), Beth Llewellyn, Bob Moody, Dr. Tamara Cash, Kristin Salmans, Dr. Beth Roselyn, Dr. Lee Reussner and Dr. Scott Thellman

**Staff Members Present:** Russ Johnson, Sheryle D'Amico, Traci Hoopingarner, Krys Claymore, Colleen Browne, Jared Abel, Rebecca Smith, Michael Williams, Dr. Kirk Sloan, Danae Johnson, Amy Northrop, Autumn Bell and Erica Hill

**Others Present:** Andy Reed, Hospital Counsel from Spencer Fane and Sara MacCarthy, Hospital Counsel from Hall Render

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda (see below) for the May 31, 2023 meeting was presented for review with approval requested:

- Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Apr. 26, 2023
- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2023
- Medical Executive Committee Recommendations

MOTION to approve the consent agenda

Made by Bob Moody,

Seconded by Pat Miller.

Motion carried.

**Presentation of External Audit Results**

Joe Watt and Matt McCall, both from FORIVS Auditors, reviewed the 2022 annual audit results, debt service report and board report.

MOTION to approve external audit results as presented.

Made by Rob Chestnut,

Seconded by Pat Miller.

Motion carried.

**Chairperson of the Board Report**

Tom Sloan, Chair, commented on the financial challenges of the healthcare industry. The realities of this new environment mean that physicians and administrators are feeling increased pressure, and that's requiring all hospitals and healthcare systems to work differently. LMH must continue to focus on providing great community care in an independent community hospital setting. This can be accomplished through continued clinical excellence, engaging with employees and physicians and

operating even more efficiently. The LMH leadership team does that as they make difficult decisions nearly every single day—decisions meant to adapt to new circumstances and to anticipate future challenges. As Trustees, we have a front row seat, and we are here to provide guidance and support to our leaders as they navigate their work. While the decisions the leadership team makes may not always be popular, we know they are absolutely necessary for the short- and long-term health of our hospital and community.

### **Chief of Staff Report**

No report.

### **CEO Report and Executive Team Report**

- **CEO Comments** - Russ Johnson reported on the following:
  - **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS)** - Discussions are underway with BCBSKS for further development of the partnership and other aspects of the contract completed in 2021. The organizations are beginning to explore specific opportunities for LMH and BCBSKS to work together in ways that would benefit LMH's patients and the community—LMH is looking especially to the sustainability of partnership elements beyond 2024. As part of this conversation, LMH has initiated a request for proposal for the organization's employee health plan. So far, LMH has received two responses, including one from BCBSKS. LMH is evaluating the best plan option for employees.
  - **Sixth and Maine** - Earlier this month, physicians and advanced practice providers from Reed Internal Medicine and Total Family Care moved to a new location under one roof to provide care for patients of all ages. The new practice is called LMH Health Primary Care at 6th and Maine. Patients will still see the same providers they've come to know and trust, just with a new name and location.
  - **Recruitment** - LMH is excited to welcome neurosurgeon Dr. Kelli Crabtree-Wilson to Lawrence Spine Care. Recruitment efforts also continue in primary care, orthopedics, gastroenterology rheumatology, and an interventional cardiologist, as well as with Dr. Reussner and the Lawrence ENT group.
  - **ED waiting room expansion** - The expansion of the emergency department waiting room is coming into the home stretch and should be completed within a month. This project, which is funded entirely through the Foundation, also provides the opportunity for LMH to increase safety by controlling access from the emergency department waiting area to other areas of the Main Campus, including access between the 4th Street Health Plaza and the hospital. Patients seeking care at the Main Campus should enter the building through the following entrances:
    - Patients seeking care in a clinic in the 4th Street Health Plaza: Enter through the 4th Street entrance.
    - Patients seeking care in a clinic in the Anderson Health Plaza or hospital: Enter through the Arkansas Street entrance.
    - Imaging and surgery patients: Enter through the Maine Street entrance.

### **Strategic Clinical Relationship update**

- Sheryle D'Amico, SVP - Strategy Integration, provided an update on the current areas of the strategic clinical relationship with The University of Kansas Health System (TUKHS):
  - We continue to work hard on the three service lines that have been identified – maternal fetal medicine, vascular surgery and sports medicine.
  - Through the first four months of 2023, the maternal fetal medicine clinic had 119 patient visits and performed 190 ultrasounds. Lawrence Vascular Surgery has performed 76 surgeries in that same time frame.
- Jared Abel, Associate VP - Strategy and Service Lines, discussed Kansas Sports Medicine and recent comments about the Gateway Expansion discussions currently underway at The University of Kansas (KU). He explained that during the formation of Kansas Team Health, one of the components of those discussions was how to expand the commitment of Kansas Team Health and KU Athletics to high-quality care and treatment for student-athletes. That included mentions of how that could be provided through a shared clinic space on the KU campus. TUKHS has met with the architect for KU to develop a preliminary design for a stadium/healthcare clinic concept. They will meet with officials from KU and Kansas Athletics to share that preliminary design soon. The potential clinic would be staffed by the group at Kansas Sports Medicine, comprised of physicians from LMH Health and TUKHS. This would allow for increased ease of access for student athletes into the clinic environment and allow providers to care for community members without detracting from their current practice.

### **Open Discussion**

- **Board Self-Assessment:** Tom Sloan, Chair, reviewed the results of the Board's 2022 Self-Assessment. Discussion followed with the Board about their areas of interest for education topics as well as how the Board would like to see future meetings structured.

### **Executive Session**

Motion was made to recess into executive session. The subject matter of the executive session is to discuss revisions to a preliminary draft legal agreement with a payer with legal counsel as authorized by Sections 75-4319(b)(2) of the Kansas Open Meetings Act which authorizes consultation with the hospital's attorney on matters deemed privileged by the attorney-client privilege. This executive session will include the Board of Trustees, the CEO, members of the Senior Leadership Team and hospital counsel from Hall Render. The open meeting will reconvene at 10:05 am.

MOTION made by Pat Miller,

Seconded by Bob Moody.

Motion carried.

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will include the Board of Trustees, the CEO, members of the Senior Leadership Team and hospital counsel from Hall Render. The open meeting will reconvene at 10:22 am.

MOTION made by Pat Miller,  
Seconded by Rob Chestnut.  
Motion carried.

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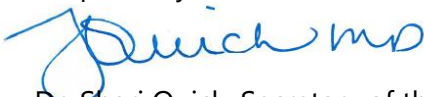
MOTION made by Pat Miller,  
Seconded by Bob Moody.  
Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further business presented, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION made by Bob Moody,  
Seconded by Pat Miller.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shari Quick".

Dr. Shari Quick, Secretary of the Board