

**Missouri River Medical Center**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**August 20, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri River Medical Center was held on August 20, 2019 in the Brand Room at First Bank of Montana. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike O'Hara at 2:06 PM.

**Members:** Members present were Mike O'Hara, Ross Rettig, and Roger Pugh.

Also present were Louie King, CEO; Janice Woodhouse, COO-DON; Geoff Mandala, CFO and Bryan Cartwright, Recorder.

**Guests:** Barb Brodock with the Chouteau County Health Care Foundation.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July 25, 2019 board meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the July 25, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion was made by Ross Rettig, second by Roger Pugh. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Foundation Board Report**

- **Barb Brodock gave a Chouteau County Health Care Foundation Financial Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss report to the Board. See attached.**

**Board Action Items:**

- **Review of Evident/Thrive EMR System.**
  - Louie King stated that the Evident/Thrive purchase agreement was signed, and that the go live date is scheduled for the first week of November. Geoff Mandala, Janice Woodhouse, and Bryan Cartwright are working toward converting information from the existing system. Louie stated the system will be purchased with MRMC operational funds. The system had to be purchased to achieve future stages of CMS Meaningful Use requirements.
- **Nursing Service-COO Report: Janice Woodhouse, RN, DON, COO**

Janice gave report on the new Nurse Call System that is currently being installed this week. Existing wiring will be used, and was tested to be satisfactory. Janice mentioned one Nurse is moving and that advertising has been posted for the open position.

- **Financial Services Report** – Geoff Mandala reported the preliminary unaudited Financial Statement Report, Statement of Operations, and Balance Sheet as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (see attached). Geoff mentioned that the financial auditors were onsite at MRMC this week and were leaving Thursday. The financial Auditors have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to provide MRMC the audited financials. In reviewing the Statement of Operations with a highlight towards Net Patient Revenue exceeding the budgeted target by 10.3%.
  
- **CEO's Report:**
  - Louie King mentioned that the Business Office is down one employee currently contributing to higher AR days. In conjunction with the new Evident/Thrive software system there could be the possibility of contracting with Benefis to provide billing services. Emphasis was made on hiring locally if possible. Janice reported that one of the Business Office staff is currently participating in online training program.
  
  - Louie reported that other facilities are advertising in the local paper. The new EMR would help providers to see more patients. There would be a professional review in the future. Clinic visits are key for increasing ancillary department utilization. The review will happen sometime in the future in conjunction with the new EMR software installation. Louie is working on a River Press Article to update the public on current events at MRMC.
  
  - Louie noted the current phone system at MRMC is in need of replacing. BTMC is upgrading their phone system, which is only 4 years old, and will obtain an appraisal of the existing system. BTMC would offer the phone system to MRMC at fair market value. In addition there will be installation costs that will be reviewed.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to go into closed session. Motion was made by Ross Rettig, second by Roger Pugh. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to come out of closed session. Motion was made by Roger Pugh, second by Ross Rettig. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Roger Pugh, second by Ross Rettig. Motion carried.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September, 24th 2019 at 3:00pm in the Brand Room of First Bank of Montana.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike O'Hara, Chairman

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Bryan Cartwright, Recorder