



Missouri River Medical Center
Board of Trustees
March 24, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri River Medical Center was held on March 24, 2020 by utilizing online phone and video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike O’Hara at 3:03 PM.

Members: Members present were Mike O’Hara, Roger Pugh, Tricia Juedeman, Nikki Stovall, and Ross Rettig.

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

Guests: Connlee Grey with the River Press, and Ron Young with the Chouteau County Health Care Foundation.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 25, 2020 board meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the February 25, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion was made by Roger Pugh, second by Ross Rettig. Motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Board Report

- Ron Young stated that the foundation has worked on updates to the investment policy which will be sent off to the investor, and then will meet Thursday to go over any concerns and then will meet with the MRMC board.

Board Action Items:

- **Nurse Call System Additions**
 - Janice Woodhouse gave a report that Johnson Controls stayed firm at \$7390.00 during the negotiations, and that the additions were necessary. Purchase approved at February 25, 2020 Board Meeting, no board action was needed.
- **Charge Master Project**
 - Geoff Mandala said they have submitted the charge master analysis data and hopes to hear back on the results soon. Geoff was hopeful that the review of the charge master would bear potential reimbursement enhancements, and help with compliance checks.

- **Approve Audry Simpson, FNP, to the Active Medical Staff**
- **MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved approve Audry Simpson, FNP, to the Active Medical Staff per recommendation of the Medical Staff Committee. Motion was made by Nikki Stovall, second by Trish Juedeman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Nursing Service-COO Report:**
 - Janice Woodhouse reported that MRMC is prepared for Covid-19/Coronavirus. Janice stated that MHA and BTMC have been a great resources. MRMC was closed to visitors as of March 13th. We reacted very quickly Louie King stated, and we are collaborating with BTMC. We are utilizing video conferencing to connect residents and families. Janice said that MRMC is updating resident families weekly. Janice stated that MRMC is able to do swabs, in which we currently have 4 kits available. Tests will be sent on to Benefis, which take about 72 hours to get results. The ER waiting room was converted into a Triage room for processing patients. ER2 has been optimized for disinfecting if treating infectious patients. Nursing staff is triaging patients with Janice's help. Hospital Acute care patients are allowed 1 visitor per day. ER patients are allowed to accompanied by 1 guest. We are equipped with masks, and have asked vendor to keep us supplied. We are asking community members to make masks at this time. Doors are locked at night and door bell must be rang at ER entrance for admittance. We are following screening protocols. Currently feeding patients in their room. Activities and other staff have been trained to assist with in room feeding. Specialists are suspended from coming to MRMC through the end of March, which will be re-evaluated April 1st says Louie King. Janice reported that staffing levels are ok, and that we have a plan in place if a member of staff should become ill.
- **Financial Services Report –**
 - Geoff Mandala provided financial statements for January 2020. Geoff reported Zero hospital admissions, and zero observation days. Geoff reported with the hospital being closed to visitors that it may have an affect on revenues. Swing bed visits are at three. There have been Clinic cancelations due to people staying away. Geoff mentioned that we may adjust staff with the volumes.
 - Louie King reported that the facility currently has 1.2 Million on hand (72 days). We are in a good position to handle the shortage. We will be keeping providers busy this spring, summer, and fall. Patients will want to come to a local facility rather than visiting large hospitals. We will deal with this month by month. Janice Woodhouse says we are marketing to let patients know we are still open. Louie said we will be looking toward any available federal funds during this time. Janice discussed that we are in line for Disaster and FEMA funds.



- Louie stated that at this time we will be utilizing the paper to show how important the facility is to the community, especially during outbreaks like this. Louie also said there will be a discussion on when we will ask for the Mill Levy to be renewed.
- Geoff Mandala continued the CFO report discussing system errors when billing swing bed visits. Just for 2 swing bed bills MRMC received \$250,000 last week. Geoff reported that we are actively bringing down the Accounts Receivable. We are streamlining the system.
- **CEO's Report:**
 - Louie King reported that our time has been focused on the coronavirus outbreak. We think we have a break through on getting MOFI and USDA funds. We would be able to secure funds for the next 5 years when needed at a low interest rate. This is good news for us, Louie reports. We also know as it gets warmer we will have a paving project on the North west side. City is working on increasing the drain size. We may be able to fix the conference room when the drainage project is complete. Mike O'Hara has forwarded the documentation letter which will be taken to the city council, so we can move forward on the project.

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

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

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

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 3:00pm hosted via Zoom online phone and video conferencing software.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Bryan Cartwright, Recorder