

Members Present: Duffie Harrison, Chair; Kristin Anderson, Vice Chair; David Harris MD; William Zester; Patrick Conrad, MD; Myrtis Wynn, Secretary

Members Absent:

Staff Present: David Walker, CEO; Ginny Griner, HR / Med Staff Coordinator; Craig Gibson, Plant Ops Director; Courtney Alford, DON; Heather Huron, Admin Assistant; Richard Lewis, EMS Director; Tom Ramsey, CFO Alliant

Guests Present: Bert Boldt, Franklin County Commissioner

Zoom Attendees: Dolores Croom

CALL TO ORDER / VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Duffie Harrison, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03am. Board quorum was confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duffie Harrison, Chair

- Donna Butterfield commented on the hospital's plans for a new/renovated wing of the hospital.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Duffie Harrison, Chair

- The 8/30/2022 minutes were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Harris to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Zester. The motion was carried unanimously.

CLINICAL SERVICES REPORT

Courtney Alford, DON

- 2 new RNs have been hired.
- Risk Management Report 3rd quarter 2022 was presented and reviewed in detail.

ACTION

Board approval requested for the purchase of optional mammography equipment which would allow contract studies. The cost for the optional equipment is approximately \$49,000.

- Harrison questioned a new regulation for mammography density. Alford confirmed that the new equipment would meet regulations.

A motion was made by Zester to approve the purchase, seconded by Harris. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Zester questioned the cost to renovate the mammography room. Per Alford, Franklin Needs is assisting with the room design and the cost of renovation.

ACTION

Harrison requested the Board draft a resolution of thanks and a room dedication to Franklin Needs for their contribution.

A motion was made by Anderson to draft a resolution and room dedication for Franklin Needs, seconded by Zester. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Alford and Walker have been in discussion with a local nurse practitioner regarding the designation of a room for Hospice patients. The NP will assist with the room design.

HR REPORT

Ginny Griner, HR Director / Medical Staff Coordinator

- D&O Insurance was renewed October 1st. Zester was instrumental in increasing limits.
- Workers Comp was renewed with the same carrier, MCIM.
- Open enrollment has been completed.
- A salary study will be presented soon. The study is regional and industry specific.
- MCD minimum wage requirement was made effective 10/1/22. The wage increases were made with a total cost of approximately \$63,000 annually.
- Salary parity estimated annual cost was \$101,000 and the increases went into effect 10/17/22. PRN rates were addressed with the most recent salary parity.

ACTION

Board action was requested to approve Protected Health Information P&P.

The motion was tabled until the next Board meeting.

- Discussion was held regarding remote access and the secure connection provided.

EMS REPORT

Richard Lewis, EMS Director

ACTION

Board approval was requested for the purchase of a new ambulance. The truck delivery would be anticipated in 2024. Total cost is approximately \$301,000 with \$57,000 down payment for chassis and balance due on delivery. Franklin County BOCC approval will be required prior to order placement.

A motion was made by Zester to approve the purchase of a new ambulance, seconded by Wynn. The motion was carried unanimously.

- The ambulance will be staged for Halloween again this year. The truck will be parked at the Station Raw Bar on Monday afternoon.

CFO REPORT

Tom Ramsey, CFO Alliant

- July, August, and September 2022 Income Statements were provided and discussed in detail.
- Efficiency changes:
 - Contractual model has been adjusted. Because of this, large adjustments are not anticipated with the next audit.
 - Managed care contracting: BCBS rates recently increased.
 - A program to assist patients with MCD eligibility and qualification will soon be addressed.
 - Early out and Bad Debt processes are being reviewed. (2 separate vendors)
 - Charge master adjustments anticipated.
- Chad Downing with Blue & Co is working with Weems to maximize benefits of the 340b program.
- Days Cash on Hand=42 days
- Zester requested budget comparisons with the financial reports.
- At the request of CRI, the hospital audit will be delayed until January 2023. State notification will be required regarding the delayed audited financials.
- Boldt questioned the success of GED Lawyers for auto accident collections.

ACTION

Board approval was requested to adopt the hospital's zero-based budget as approved by the County.

- A full budget, separate from the county approved budget, will be developed for 2023-24 FY

A motion was made by Harris to approve the County approved budget, seconded by Anderson. The motion was carried unanimously.

A break was taken from 10:20 to 10:28.

CEO REPORT

David Walker, CEO

- An updated organizational chart was presented and reviewed in detail. Vacancies include Controller and Radiology Department Manager.
- A USDA grant is being considered for a new CT. A renovation will be needed to bring the CT equipment inside the main building.
- Walker thanked staff for efforts made in preparation for Hurricane Ian.

- Carrabelle Pharmacy plans continue. Architect plans have been submitted to AHCA.
- Plans for hospital renovation will be revisited in 2023.
- Four Board members participated in the Alliant Board Retreat. At the retreat, Weems received the Overall People Award. The award is based on employee satisfaction and staff retention.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

William Zester

- New Foundation candidates were discussed.
- Zester requested a community survey to gain a baseline of public perception of the hospital
- Zester requested a database of hospital advocates.
- Griner recommended the Weems Foundation contact Paula Fortunas, former TMH Foundation Chair, as well as the current TMH Foundation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Duffie Harrison, Chair

- Boldt spoke to the term “just in case” in relation to hospital services and renovation.
- In response to Wynn, Walker confirmed that the existing generator was capable of supporting current needs.
- Anderson questioned the potential for dialysis services in Franklin County.
- Zester recommended increased nurse training. Walker confirmed that critical care nurse training is planned for 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Duffie Harrison, Chair

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.

