

Audubon County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025, at 12 Noon
Board Room

ATTENDANCE	
Board Members Present:	Michelle Sprague, Marlene Ballou, Vicky Robinson, Brady Griffin, Mark Kessler, Brett Irlmeier, Anne Miller
Absent:	
Staff Present:	Suzanne Cooner, Melanie Larsen, Al Comito, Melinda Alt, Haillie Bruch
I. CALL TO ORDER	
Michelle Sprague, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.	
II. AGENDA APPROVAL	
Marlene Ballou made a motion, seconded by Vicky Robinson to approve the agenda, in accordance with the Code of Iowa Open Meetings Law. Motion carried.	
III. PUBLIC COMMENTS	
No public comments.	
IV. CONSENT AGENDA	
Brady Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mark Kessler to approve the January 23, 2025, meeting minutes, with the correction of ongoing to outcoming. Motion carried.	
V. FINANCIAL REPORT	
<p>Melinda Alt, CFO, reviewed the financial reports, budget scorecard, balance sheet, monthly cash summary, and accounts receivables. The financial report for the month of December 2024 Operating Statement had a positive margin of \$103,843 with a YTD positive margin of \$443,117.</p> <p>Brady Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mark Kessler, to approve the financials. Motion Carried.</p> <p>CD #23565 at Landmands Bank for \$476,332.07 came up for renewal on 02/24/2025. Renewals rates were Audubon State Bank (4.0%), Landmands Bank (4.25%), Exchange State Bank (4.20%). The CD was reinvested at the highest rate of (4.35%) at Landmands Bank for 12 months.</p> <p>A new CD from the General Funds Account for \$500,000 was created on 02/24/2025. Rates received were Audubon State Bank (4.0%), Landmands Bank (4.25%), Exchange State Bank (4.20%). The CD will be kept at Landmands Bank for 12 months.</p>	
VI. MEDICAL STAFF / CREDENTIALING / REPORT	
<p>Suzanne Cooner gave the Medical Staff report and credentialing recommendations. The following requests for privileges for the medical staff were reviewed:</p> <p>Initial Appointment to Consulting Medical Staff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chirantan Ghosh, MD (CompHealth – Oncology/Hematology)	

2. Caliste Hsu, MD – Ortho – Hand Surgeon
3. Ronald Weis, MD (Iowa Radiology)
4. Russell Cowels, MD (Teledigm Health – ehospitalist)
5. Tracy Ander, DO (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
6. Pavankumar Bommasamudram, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
7. Mark Borsody, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
8. Warren Carrigan, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
9. Michael Haboubi, DO (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
10. Jaron Marriot, DO (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
11. Stephen Mikus, DO (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
12. Akash Patel, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
13. Dolly Roy, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
14. Suraj Suku, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
15. Zulfiqar Turk, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
16. Imad Uddin, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)
17. Anna Wanahita, MD (Teledigm Health – TeleNeruo Stroke)

Initial appointment to Allied Health Staff:

1. McKenzie Woodyard, ARNP (Flowstate)
2. Alesha Lockett, ARNP (Flowstate)

Resignation from Consulting Medical Staff:

1. Robert Warner, MD – retirement 02/18/2025

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1. Ghaith Aboud, MD
2. Adnan Aldurah, MD
3. Muhammad Asif, MD
4. Aaron Craig, DO
5. Richard DeLeon, MD
6. Amy Evjen, MD
7. Ragheb Harb, MD
8. Blake Heinz, MD
9. Elias Issa, MD
10. Wahab Khan, MD
11. Derek Kindelspire, MD
12. Sandeep Kochar, MD
13. Sherif Latif, MD
14. April Lauer, MD
15. Elizabeth Matthews, MD
16. Jennifer McKay, MD
17. Rovie Theresa Mesola, MD
18. Latonia Moncur, MD
19. Raiko Munankarmi, MD
20. Sanya Kayani, MD
21. Randolph Reister, MD
22. Karim Saleeby, DO

23. Lorenzo Stars, MD

24. Tejaswini Vasamsetty, MD

25. Katherine Vosberg, DO

Action: Based on this review, it is the Board's opinion that the above applicants meet the requirements for initial appointments to the Consulting Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff as well as the resignation of privileges from the Consulting Medical Staff based on the supporting documentation, and documented appropriate education, training, experience, and current competency, from information received during the privilege process for distant site privileging. Mark Kessler made a motion, seconded by Vicky Robinson, to approve the above credentialing recommendations as presented. Motion carried.

VII. COMPLIANCE/QUALITY/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

Melanie Larsen reported on the Quality meeting that was held on February 18, 2025. The January 2025 Quality data was presented.

Melanie Larsen reported on MIPS and Promoting Interoperability data.

Melanie Larsen gave the Risk Management Report.

Melanie Larsen gave the Compliance Report.

Melanie Larsen presented the Summary of Operations Report (see attached).

VIII. REVIEW OF CEO CANDIDATES

Haillie Bruch presented the CEO candidates for the Board of Trustees to review. The Board of Trustee Selection Committee (Michelle Sprague, Brady Griffin, and Brett Irlmeier) will review the candidates and meet to discuss the top five qualifiers to move onto the first round of interviews in the month of March. The Board of Trustees will begin the interviews in the month of March and schedule final onsite interviews in April 2025.

IX. APPROVALS

Melanie Larsen presented the PAC policies and procedures for review and approval.

- Health Equity – Quality – New
- Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program Plan – Quality – Updated – Added information about Health Equity
- Fall Prevention Safety Measures - updated
- Triage of Emergency Department Patients – updated

Mark Kessler made a motion, seconded by Brady Griffin, to approve the PAC policy as presented. Motion carried.

Melanie Larsen presented the Level IV Trauma Center Certification for approval.

Brett Irlmeier made a motion, seconded by Brady Griffin, to approve the Level IV Trauma Center Certification as presented. Motion carried.

Suzanne Coone presented the updated Hospital Organizational Chart for approval.

Brett Irlmeier made a motion, seconded by Mark Kessler to approve the Hospital Organizational Chart for approval. Motion carried.

Suzanne Cooner presented the Manning Regional Healthcare Center (Pharmacist Sharing) contract for approval.

Marlene Ballou made a motion, seconded by Brady Griffin to approve the Manning Regional Healthcare Center (Pharmacist Sharing) Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

X. CEO REPORT

Suzanne Cooner, CEO, gave the CEO Report

1. Dr. Warner retired on February 17th. He transitioned his patients to Dr. Ghosh who will be providing services until June 2025. Dr. Nwaneri will be providing oncology services starting in July until the end of the year.
2. Dr. Hsu, hand surgeon, will be returning to ACMH in March to provide hand surgery.
3. Dr. Crowe, temporary orthopedics began work at ACMH last week.
4. Kaylene Riebhoff, Business Office, was chosen as the Employee of the Quarter.
5. Nominations are coming in for the Rose Award which is awarded to a non-nurse in the organization who goes above and beyond.
6. Bliss Weitzl, Med/Surg Secretary, has been chosen as the new Foundation Director who replaces Susan Greving, who resigned from the Foundation at the end of January 2025. Bliss will continue her employment with ACMH including her Med/Surg secretarial responsibilities.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS:

Suzanne Cooner gave the board a federal legislative update from the American Hospital Association conference she attended. Suzanne will continue to monitor the changing developments especially as they may financially impact ACMH and the community. An action plan will be developed and discussed with the board as soon as legislative action is finalized and the impact is better understood.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. with a motion made by Anne Miller and seconded by Brady Griffin. Motion carried.

Michelle Sprague, Board Chair

Marlene Ballou, Board Secretary/Treasurer