

**Morton County Health System
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of January 21, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Todd Johnson DC, FASA, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Attendees:

Lisa Swenson, CEO
Troy Barnett, Vice Chairman
Karen Gates, Secretary
Ron Rich, Treasurer
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes
Audra Gonzalez, CNO via zoom
Braden Anderson, CFO via zoom
Sharmilla Hall, Lab Director
Dr. Andy Wilson, ACP Health via zoom
Dr. Brett Burnett, CMO via zoom

2. **Approve Agenda:** Todd asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ron made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Karen, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the December 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Todd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron, motion carried.
4. **CEO Report Lisa:** Lisa presented a power point presentation highlighting the success of the Cerner conversion, increased SWB days, and a full leadership team. The Cerner team said this was one of the more successful conversions, staff were polite, patient and all over a joy to work with. We have some small issues but those are being worked on and fixed. We will be working on marketing the clinic and all it has to offer.
5. **CFO Report Braden:** Braden presented a power point presentation going over financials.
6. **CNO Report Audra:** Audra let the board know that we have a nurse starting that just passed her boards and will be doing a preceptorship with day shift and night nurses.
7. **Other Business:**

Credentialing: Todd asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Sarjoo Patel & Dr. Teresa Braden to an initial medical staff appointment with full privileges. Ron made a motion to appoint Dr. Sarjoo Patel & Dr. Teresa Braden, seconded by Karen, motion carried.

Todd asked for a motion to reappoint Heidy Brillhart, APRN, to medical staff. Troy made a motion to reappoint Heidy Brillhart, APRN, seconded by Ron, motion carried.

Todd asked for a motion to defer appointment of privileges for Dr. Morium Chowdhury due to resignation of employment. Karen made a motion to defer appointment of privileges for Dr. Morium Chowdhury due to resignation of employment, seconded by Troy, motion carried.

Policies and Procedures:

Todd asked for a motion to approve the revision to policy 209-Vacation policy accrual rates more accurately defined. Ron made a motion to approve the revision to policy 209-Vacation policy accrual rates more accurately defined, seconded by Troy, motion carried.

Todd asked for a motion to approve the revision to policy 206- Holiday policy **CHANGE from** Full and part time employees that are scheduled to work the holiday will receive double pay **TO** All employees that are scheduled to work the holiday will receive double pay. Karen made a motion to approve the revision to policy 206- Holiday policy **CHANGE from** Full and part time employees that are scheduled to work the holiday will receive double pay **TO** All employees that are scheduled to work the holiday will receive double pay, seconded by Troy, motion carried.

8. **Quality/Risk Management:** Risk management plan has been submitted to KDHE. In December we had 5 falls at the AL and 1 complaint at the hospital. All are being investigated. Blood Bank: 3 path, 1 pap, no blood given in Nov and Dec.
9. **Infection Prevention:** Chet has signed off on the Antibioqram through November. Will be working to get everything caught up. CLIA inspection went great. Our pathologist is changing to Dr. Sanchez from Dr. Dill.
10. **Public Comments:** Nothing at this time.
11. **Executive Session:** Todd asked for a motion to enter executive session at 1:00 pm with Lisa and Braden for Personnel for 30 minutes. Motion made by Troy, seconded by Ron, motion passed. Executive session ended at 1:16 pm with no action taken.
12. **Adjournment:** Todd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm



Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer

2-18-25

Date