CLAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
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Board of Trustees
January 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Board Room

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT
Austin Gillard, CEO
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
Janet Fisher
Julie Noah
Amy Burr
Carrie Lane

CALL TO ORDER
Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from December 29, 2025. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA REVIEW
Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS
Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 Risk Management Plan
Janet Fisher and Julie Noah presented our updated 2026 Risk Management Plan. KDHE requires hospitals to update this plan yearly. Changes include updated team member names, some spelling issues, and slight formatting changes. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the 2026 Risk Management Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

b. 2026 Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan
Janet Fisher and Juie Noah reviewed our updated Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan with a few minor changes for the board to approve. Changes include utilizing the SMART Formula for goal setting. This worksheet is intended to help QAPI teams establish appropriate goals for individual measures and also for performance improvement projects. Goals should be clearly stated and describe what the organization or team intends to accomplish. SMART stands for: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Bound. We also added in several OB measures. Motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve updated 2026 Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

c. Meadowlark Hospice - Highlights & 2026 QAPI Plan
Amy Burr went over the numerous accomplishments of Meadowlark Hospice in 2025. They are CMS five-star rated and have been since August 2022. In 2025, they had 172 admissions, 9,641 patient days, have a patient satisfaction score of 100 percent, and comforted loved ones with 135 deaths. Areas of focus in 2026 for QAPI are: Monthly data collection, quarterly data collection, PIP projects based on trends and survey results, monthly quality meetings with hospice team, twice a year reports to CCMC quality team, monthly staff meetings to review quality projects and results, and tidbit Tuesdays for quick educational moments that can be covered in an email. After discussion, motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the 2026 QAPI plan as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

d. iPad Refresh for Hospital & Clinic Registration
Austin Gillard presented information about how our current iPads were purchased in 2021 and are nearing end-of-life from a support standpoint. As they age, they will soon lose eligibility for new iPad OS updates, which limits our ability to stay current on security patches, feature updates, and app compatibility. We are already seeing the impact. The most recent iPadOS update was too large to download/install due to limited storage. For 33 new iPads and 33 cases, the cost is $11,272.47. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the purchase of the 33 iPads and 33 cases as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

e. Respiratory Therapy - HAMILTON-C1 Ventilator
Austin Gillard presented information on the Hamilton-C1 Ventilator for a price of $18,132.82. We currently own four Philips Respironics Trilogies, but Philips will no longer support this equipment in 2029. The Hamilton-C1 adapts effortlessly to a variety of different settings, such as the intensive care unit, emergency room, recovery room, and during intrahospital transport. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the purchase of the Hamilton-C1 Ventilator as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

f. Credentialing
The board reviewed the credentialing files recommended by the Medical Executive Committee for the following:
<u>Courtesy Staff</u>
Kent Erickson, MD - Family Medicine - Reappointment
David Pauls, MD - General Surgery - Reappointment
<u>Allied Health</u>
Mindy Lovendahl, APRN - Family Medicine - Reappointment
Motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the credentialing files recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO</u>

a. Rural Health Transformation Program
Six priority programs have been identified and will be the first to be implemented. 1) Value Based Inventive Program, 2) Regional Partnerships and REH Conversion/Transformative Capital Investment Grant Programs, 3) Accountable Food is Medicine/Community Health Worker Deployment, 4) Workforce Education and Training, 5) Interfacility Transports, and 6) Anchor Hospital Advancement Program. Applications will open on February 1, 2026, and there will be a six-week application period. Awards will be made 6-8 weeks after the application period closes. For the first year of the program, Kansas has been awarded $221,898,008. Year one runs from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2026, so funds will need to be allocated quickly. Austin Gillard has started working on applications for two Community Health Workers, one Mental Health Counselor, and funding for the Nursing Home project.

b. Construction Update
Our projects at Riley Family Physicians, Physical Therapy, and Cardiac Rehab are complete! The teams did a wonderful job moving around, changing workflows, and overcoming the daily construction noise.

c. General Update
- Congratulations to our team at Senior Life Solutions! They have been named the 2025 Training site of the Year and Finalist for Program of the Year, by Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC). Job well done!
- CCMC has been awarded Gold Recognition by the Kansas Newborn Screening Program for excellence in newborn screening services. The recognition highlights CCMC's outstanding performance in multiple screenings. Congratulations to our entire OB team!
- Austin Gillard participated in the Kansas Hospital Association board meeting last week. It is a very strong group of hospital leaders ranging from KU Med, St. Lukes, Salina Regional, HCA Midwest, and other large systems in the state. Austin looks forward to being a voice for rural critical access hospitals on the board.
- We had a fire sprinkler line leak at the nursing home causing some ceiling damage and light flooding. Thank you to our Engineering team for resolving this issue! Quotes came back for property insurance on this building at just over $21,000 a year.

- The market rate wage analysis has been completed and comes to around $370,000 over budget. We budgeted $550,000. We will still proceed with the increase even though it is over budget. We expect the new rates to hit paychecks by late February 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Board meetings: February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by Austin Gillard