

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Terri Parry
Sandy Fox

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Angela Kobel, CFO
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
Carrie Lane

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from January 26, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Terri Parry arrived at 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

ANGELA KOBEL, CFO

- a. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for November 2025
Angela Kobel presented the cash receipts and disbursements for November 2025.
- b. Financial Review for November 2025
Angela Kobel presented the financials for November 2025. After discussion, motion made Terri Parry, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the cash receipts and disbursements and financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Provider Assessment
Angela Kobel discussed the Kansas Medicaid Hospital Provider Assessment. Kansas participates in a Provider Tax Assessment program to help maximize Federal matching funds. The program provides critical funding for hospitals and physicians. Through 2025, PPS hospitals are taxed 3% on Net Inpatient and Outpatient revenue. These funds are matched with Federal funds and redistributed to hospitals to enhance Medicaid reimbursement. As of January 1, 2026 CMS has approved an increase to 6% of Net Revenue. This will result in additional matching Federal funds. In May 2026, Critical Access Hospitals will start contributing to the fund which will result in increased enhanced payments. These funds will help offset the loss of caring for our growing Medicaid population.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Surgery Storage System
Austin Gillard presented a quote for a Metro Super Erecta Double Deep Top Track System with two stationary end units and 4 mobile units in the amount of \$16,848.29. As the surgery department grows, the sterile processing department continues to add many more supplies and instrumentation. To accommodate this increase, there is a need to maximize the storage space. The track system allows the units to be moved, and products on the shelf can be easily accessed when needed. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the Metro Super Erecta Double Deep Top Track System. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. CCFP Patient Entrance Ramp
Austin Gillard presented a quote from Vogts Parga to add an ADA accessible front entrance ramp into the new Clay Center Family Physicians entrance. The cost would be \$11,365. Vogts Parga would need to remove 20' by 5' of existing concrete, set forms, and pour around 200 sf of new concrete. We continue to have patients voice concern about a ramp not being available into this new entrance. A few falls have also occurred. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the ADA accessible front entrance ramp into the new Clay Center Family Physicians entrance. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Hospice Laptops Replacement
Austin Gillard presented a quote for 15 replacement laptops for the Meadowlark Hospice team at a total cost of \$18,462. The current laptops were last replaced in September 2021 and experience significantly more wear than standard office devices due to frequent travel and daily field use. As a result, these units are showing accelerated deterioration, most notably declining battery health. After discussion, motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the 15 replacement laptops for the Meadowlark Hospice. Motion carried 4-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

- a. 340B
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) submitted a court filing to the U.S. District Court in Maine indicating that the agency will abandon their current 340B rebate pilot program. If the agency pursues a new rebate program in the future, HRSA indicated it would correct the problems identified in the recent court cases, including that HRSA did not follow appropriate administrative procedures, and did not properly evaluate impact to participating covered entities.
- b. Mammo Machine
Our new MAMMOMAT B.brilliant system from Siemens will be here soon. The current mammo system will be removed on February 16 and the new MAMMOMAT B.brilliant system will be ready for patients on March 4.
- c. Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has submitted the revised budget to CMS. They must now wait for approval for each expenditure. KDHE should have the application process opened in mid-February.
- d. Diabetes Education
In partnership with Kansas State University, we will be hosting a Dining with Diabetes class in our cafeteria. This will include cooking demonstrations, food sampling, and allow members to connect with others who are living with diabetes. These four sessions will take place on April 14, April 21, May 5, and May 12.
- e. Community Baby Shower
Our second annual Community Baby Shower will take place on April 11 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We are excited to see the event grow with more vendors this year. Clay County Medical Center will be providing a free Graco Pack 'N Play to each couple who signed up, just like last year. Thank you to all team members that make these event wonderful!
- f. Women's Choice Award
Clay County Medical Center has once again distinguished itself as a leader in rural healthcare with multiple recognitions from the Women's Choice Award®, including Top 100 Hospital in Patient Experience among similar-sized hospitals, Top 2% in Obstetrics, and Top 5% in Emergency Care nationwide. This recognition affirms the dedication of our team who consistently deliver high-quality, compassionate care from welcoming new life into the world, responding in an emergency, or supporting patients through their healing journey. Thank you to all team members!
- g. Da Vinci 5 Robotic Surgical System
Austin Gillard had dinner last week with Dr. Saville and the Da Vinci sales team. The numbers are looking better, but we need further commitments from Urology and GYN. Da Vinci is working on a GYN surgeon that is robot trained from the Manhattan or Salina area. At this point, we are waiting on signed commitments before further discussions take place.
- h. General Update
 - The wage increases will hit paychecks later this month. We also do not have a cap/max rate. The cap/max rate paid lead to wages being uncompetitive in the region. We will continue to work on our wage scale methodology in the months ahead.
 - Austin Gillard will be hosting the annual Liberty Place Assisted Living meeting later this month. The assisted living is doing well and is providing a needed service in the community.

- We will be presenting a simplified paid bereavement leave policy at the next meeting.
- Applications continue to arrive and interviews are taking place for nursing. We also have a few Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) applications.
- In the next month, we will be releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in regard to our health insurance. Our current network is not competitive, and the payments continue to increase year over year.
- Austin Gillard in partnership with The SSI Group and KONZA Health, will be speaking at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Health Innovation Summit in Atlanta, GA. This annual event has over 1,500 attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard