

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Carrie Lane
Terri Parry

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Angela Kobel, CFO

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the board meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from April 13, 2026 and April 28, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the board minutes with corrections. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

ANGELA KOBEL, CFO

- a. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for January and February 2026
Angela Kobel presented the cash receipts and disbursements for January and February 2026.
- b. Financial Review for January and February 2026
Angela Kobel presented the financials for January and February 2026. 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. Medicaid Quarterly Enhancement Payment
Angela Kobel reviewed our estimated assessment costs and enhancement benefits for both 2026 and 2027 under the new Medicaid Quarterly Enhancement Payment system. These estimates assume no change in the taxpaying threshold for CAHs and REHs and limit tax collections in 2027 to the spending cap, set at the 2026 preprint level.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Credentialing
The board reviewed the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. These are as follows:

<u>Active Staff</u>	Steven Short, DO — Pulmonology -- Reappointment
<u>Courtesy Staff</u>	Arnold Cabrera, MD — Radiology -- Reappointment
	John Riekhof, MD — Radiology -- Reappointment
<u>Allied Health</u>	Shannon Sandefur, APRN — Nurse Practitioner -- Reappointment
<u>CRNA</u>	Elijah Vincent, CRNA — Anesthesiology -- Reappointment

Motion made by Carrie Lane, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. Motion carried 4-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

- a. Capital Investment Program & Regional Partnership Grant Program
We received notice that due to the overwhelming response of high-quality applications and overlap with the applicant pool in the Regional Partnership Grant Program (RPGP), the REH/CAP award announcement has been delayed and will now be announced on May 15. This adjusted timeline will allow the REH/CAP awards to be announced in tandem with the Regional Partnership Grant Program (RPGP) awards. Aligning both announcements on May 15 also allows the KDHE to review both sets of applications and work with CMS to potentially expand the award amounts for each grant.
- b. Evidence-Based Practice Program
Julie Crimmins and Janet Fisher have been working on the Evidence-Based Practice Program, part of the State's Rural Health Transformation Plan. The Evidence-Based Program will help rural hospitals and clinics build and maintain the infrastructure to implement and sustain evidence-based practices and report performance measures that demonstrate quality of care. The State has contracted with the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative to operate the Program.
- c. Centralized Credentialing Verification
Austin Gillard attended a webinar about the Centralized Credentialing Verification (CCV) program, part of the State's Rural Health Transformation Plan. For providers, the CCV model is designed to streamline credentialing processes, reduce administrative burden, and enable faster clinician onboarding. For payers, it offers improved data consistency, greater efficiency in credentialing and recredentialing, and enhanced network accuracy. For regulators and state partners, the model promotes increased transparency, more standardized processes, reduced system-wide costs, and stronger oversight of credentialing practices.
- d. Single Signature Contracting
University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative is working with its 60 plus hospital partners on Single Signature Contracting. "Single Signature Contracting" in context is a method where a single authorized entity negotiates and signs contracts with payers on behalf of all participating hospitals. The Care Collaborative has partnered with PYA, one of the nation's Top 100 CPA firms, and a Top 20 healthcare consulting firm for this data extraction project to compare payor rates throughout Kansas.
- e. Pain Management
Drywall will be completed this week, then the ceiling tile will go in. Our team will paint and then lay the flooring. Cabinets will be ordered soon, as we are going to match the existing cabinets. Two days a week of pain management is going well and the schedule is full.
- f. General Update
 - We have hired a Director of Nursing, and she will be announced later this week.
 - Parking has been an issue on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning. We might look at limiting where team members can park on those days in the interim. Long term, we might need to look at expanding the west parking lot.
 - We have hired a CRNA that will start with us full-time on August 30, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard