

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Terri Parry
Richard Cott
Carrie Lane

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard
Julie Crimmins
Janet Fisher
Dr. John Kelley

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 May 4, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 3-0

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Quality Presentation
Julie Crimmins, Director of Regulatory Reporting & Evidence-Based Practice and Janet Fisher, Quality & Risk Management Director met with the board to go over our QAPI dashboard, HACHPS, and the Rural Health Transformation Program. On the QAPI side of things, we slowly improved our scores towards the end of 2025. For 2026, we have decided that our QAPI projects will not change much. Our goal is to keep working with team members to bring CCMC into compliance with all QAPI requirements. The state has been tasked with 5 initiatives, and 24 programs total under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). CCMC is working on the evidence-based practice program under the leadership of KU Med. Last week, all participation agreements were signed. We are currently attending virtual learning sessions to understand the various data points requested for the hospital and five rural health clinics. For our HCAHPS, we still have a goal of the 90th percentile in the United States. In 2025, our inpatient unit moved to the 84th percentile, ER moved to the 85th percentile, rural health clinics stayed above the 90th percentile, and hospice stayed above the 90th percentile. So far in 2026, scores are all in the 90th percentile.
- b. Pain Management Cabinets & Countertops
Austin Gillard presented a quote for new cabinets, a Corian sink, and new Corian countertops for our pain management room for a cost of \$10,803.32. All these items will match everything in the current specialty clinic space. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the quote as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Da Vinci 5 Surgical Robot
Clay County Medical Center was awarded \$2,536,000 through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Regional Partnerships Grant Program. Austin Gillard is working through the Da Vinci 5 sales agreement with our law firm. The purchase price will be \$2,536,000. Austin will have more details for the board at the next meeting regarding the sales agreement, installation timeline, training of team members, and new services we will be able to offer.

- d. Community Health Worker + Accountable Food is Medicine Grant
Austin Gillard and Julie Crimmins are working on a new grant called, The Community Health Worker + Accountable Food is Medicine (CHW+AFIM). This grant opportunity enables healthcare organizations to improve health outcomes among rural Kansans by integrating CHWs into clinical settings. This opportunity will support organizations in onboarding CHWs into sustainable workflows and developing interventions tailored to their communities. The application is due June 19. Austin will spend time writing this grant over the next 10 days.
- e. West Parking Lot Expansion
Austin Gillard met with the civil engineer at Campbell & Johnson, P.A. to review additional parking ideas for team members. This parking lot would be located just south of the west parking lot in the triangle area. The board reviewed the drawings of adding 26 more parking spaces.
- f. Credentialing
The board reviewed the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. These are as follows:
Courtesy Staff
Ryan Hiesterman, OD — Optometry -- Reappointment
Allied Health
Ronald Williams, APRN — Emergency Medicine -- Reappointment
Yana Bowen, PMHNP — Mental Health — Initial Appointment
CRNA
Todd Nason, CRNA — Anesthesiology — Initial Appointment
Christina Stubbs, CRNA — Anesthesiology — Initial Appointment
Danielle Stenger, CRNA — Anesthesiology — Initial Appointment
Motion made by Carrie Lane, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. Motion carried 3-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

- a. DON & Nursing Update
- We are excited to announce that Kristen Srna, MSN, RN has accepted the role of Director of Nursing at CCMC! She started with CCMC today. Kristen is a dynamic healthcare leader and is the current Director of the Birth & Women's Center at Ascension Via Christi in Manhattan. With a background spanning critical access hospitals to regional health systems, Kristen excels at standardizing care and fostering collaboration with team members. In past positions, Kristen was the previous Obstetric Manager at Benefis Health System in Montana, and Inpatient Nurse Manager at Memorial Hospital in Abilene.
 - The OB Coordinator position has been posted.
 - The Med/Surg Coordinator position has been posted.
 - We have eight new nurses that have now started with CCMC. Orientation and cross training will be taking place for the next several months.
- b. Hospice & Home Health
There is currently a nationwide six-month freeze on any new Medicare enrollment for hospices and home health agencies. A governmental Anti-Fraud Task Force, has suspended payments to approximately 800 hospices and home health agencies suspected of fraud in Los Angeles alone that were responsible for \$1.4 billion in Medicare spending last year, with \$70 million in suspended funds thus far.
- c. Immunization Clinic
Our immunization clinic passed their inspection with no deficiencies. Congratulations to Lacy Alderson for this accomplishment!
- d. General Update
- We have implemented a travel questionnaire in the rural health clinics due to the 2026 World Cup. Our goal is to protect our patients, visitors, and team members from unnecessary infectious exposures. Kansas City will be one of 11 American cities to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, with teams coming from Argentina, Algeria, Ecuador, Curacao, Tunisia, Netherlands, and Austria. The potential increase in tourism from different parts of the country and world creates the opportunity for disease importation into Kansas, as well as the potential increase in healthcare utilization.
 - There is a possibility that CCMC may still qualify for the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) from the COVID years. We are in the process of reviewing our qualification.
 - The Da Vinci 5 will require new sterilization equipment, in total we are looking at around \$350,000 for a AMSCO Washer, InnoWave PCF Sonic Irrigator, and a V-Pro Max 2 Sterilizer. More details to come.

- We have hired an Executive Assistant that will start later this month. This position will help Austin Gillard with meetings, agendas, schedules, minutes, grants, and direct reports once Dr. Kelley retires at the end of July 2026.
 - We are working with an emergency medicine physician to be the medical director over the Emergency Room.
 - We have posted a job for an Outpatient Therapist supporting Adults, Children, and Families.
 - Austin Gillard is working with Salina Regional Health Center executives on a new way of reimbursing onsite specialty care. We are focusing on Rheumatology at this point.
- e. Executive Session
Motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Carrie Lane, for the board to enter executive session for a period of 10 minutes with Austin Gillard from 9:16 p.m. to 9:26 p.m. in order to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, as permitted under K.S.A. 75-4319.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard