



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES February 27, 2025

Members' Present Duffie Harrison, Chairman; William Zester, Vice-Chairman; Myrtis Wynn, Secretary; John Berry; Delores Croom

Members Absent Patrick Conrad, MD

Staff Present David Walker, CEO; Courtney Alford, DON; Craig Gibson, Plant Operations Manager; Melanie Shiver, HR Coordinator; David Bowling, CFO; Heather Huron, Revenue Cycle Manager; James O'Steen, EMS Director; Susie Buskirk, Practice Manager

Guests Present

Teams Attendees none

Call to Order / Verification of Quorum

Duffy Harrison

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Quorum was confirmed.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes:

- January 30, 2025, Board of Director minutes were presented for approval.

ACTION

Croom made a motion to approve the January 2025 minutes. Seconded by Zester. The motion was carried unanimously.

Medical Staff Report

Courtney Alford

- Courtney reported for Dr. Patrick Conrad that there was nothing new to report. ED is doing well.

Clinical Service Report



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Courtney Alford

- A new full-time night shift RN has been hired. The night shift schedule is looking a lot better than it has in a long time.
- We have been working with the Gulf Coast Children's advocacy program to bring a Sexual assault program to Franklin County. An agreement was signed at the first of the month. Mr. Walker and Courtney met with Emily, director of Refuge House in Tallahassee, to get them to come in and find a location to bring individuals to so they don't have to come through the hospital and pay for ER fees if it's not necessary.
- CDC is requiring a new certified software program to report antimicrobial use and resistance. The software is approximately \$17,000. There is a potential SHIP grant to assist with \$13,000 of the cost.
- Swing bed coordinator is making weekly trips to area hospitals to try to increase swing bed admissions.
- An activity room is being opened for swing bed patients. Room 108 is being transitioned for that. This should be completed by the end of the month.
- Courtney is working with James O'Steen with EMS to get a list of the patients that are being transported to area hospitals. Dan, Swing bed coordinator, is going over the transfer list also to try to capture potential swing bed candidates.

RHC Clinic

Susie Buskirk

- Susie expresses the need to charge a \$25 no show fee for patients. The clinics are experiencing a lot of no shows. It would require 4 hours' notice of cancellation from the patient to avoid the fee. She is also instructing the front staff and nurses to educate the patients to call the pharmacy first for prescription refills. This is a process that has been adopted by most offices.
- Susie will be working with Heather to try to get patients signed up for Medicaid when they come to the clinics.



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- Flu and Strep are going around. She encouraged everyone to wear masks and use hand sanitizer.

EMS Report

James O'Steen

- James states that transport runs are up 72% in Jan and February compared to the end of 2024.
- Over time is being watched. We have hired 1 full-time paramedic and 1 part-time paramedic that will help with managing the overtime.

Break 10:00

Safety/Environment of Care

Craig Gibson

- Tutorials have been sent out to all employees to set up the new phone system. The new system is expected to be installed on March 12th.
- Flooring was installed at Weems East last weekend.
- The CT project is moving forward.
- A concrete pad for new generators has been laid.
- New cameras have been installed in the hospital and clinics.



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FINANCE

David Bowling

- The following financial statements for the month ending 1/31/25 were presented and reviewed in detail:
 - Income Statement & Balance Sheet
 - Operating Statistics
 - Comparative Consolidated Monthly Income Statements
 - EMS Monthly Gross Margin
 - Consolidated Balance Sheet Accounts
 - Alliant Dashboard for 2024: Financial Indicators, Operating Indicators, Key Project Status Indicators
- Mr. Bowling wants to meet one on one with Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to make sure Alliant is meeting their expectations.

CEO Update

David Walker

- We filed a complaint against Sunshine Health with AHCA due to a delay in medical claim payments. We have been working with Sunshine Health for several months but have not resolved the issue. We felt we needed to escalate this to AHCA for a resolution.
- Baker Tile draft report is tentatively scheduled to be released on March 12 to the county commission.
- *UCF College of Medicine* partnership highlighting heart health initiative within our clinics.
- Paint Fest- We partnered with the Foundation for Hospital Arts and Elder Care Community Council of Franklin County to paint ceiling tiles for patient rooms.
- Florida's Rural Renaissance Legislation will benefit rural counties. This legislation was sponsored by Senator Cory Simon.



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Other Business

Duffy Harrison

- The Franklin County Housing Initiative needs a representative from Weems. Bill Zester volunteered.

ACTION

Bill Zester volunteered to be the Weems Hospital representative for the Franklin County Housing Initiative. The board voted unanimously for Zester to be the representative.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Bill Zester

- AED's have been distributed throughout Franklin County.
- The Foundation's fundraising goal for this fiscal year is \$25,000

Adjournment

Duffie Harrison

- The meeting was adjourned at 11.18 a.m.

Executive Session

Courtney Alford

- Risk Management
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