



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Marin General Hospital, Conference Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ann Sparkman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Chair Ann Sparkman; Vice Chair Jennifer Hershon; Secretary Jennifer Rienks; Director Larry Bedard, MD; Director Harris Simmonds, MD

Staff Present: Jon Friedenbergs, COO; Jim McManus, CFO; Louis Weiner, Executive Assistant

Counsel Present: Noel Caughman

2. General Public Comment

Comments made by Suzanna Farber (Teamsters rep), Kelly (lab assistant), Coleen (tech), Donald (phlebotomist), Robert Belknap MD, Deborah Berthold

3. Approval of Agenda

Director Bedard moved to amend the agenda to have Mr. Friedenbergs give his Hospital COO report at this time, to have him respond to the public comments on the subject of the sale of MHD outpatient labs to Quest. Vice Chair Hershon seconded the motion to amend the agenda. Vote: all ayes.

4. Hospital COO's Report

Mr. Friedenbergs reported on the sale of the outpatient labs to Quest. In 2014, the federal government announced that acute-care hospitals must give up outpatient lab business and gave the industry several years to comply. This is because the cost structure for hospitals proving this service is so much higher than for non-hospital providers. Hospitals nationwide are now acting on this. MGH has chosen Quest Diagnostics for reasons that include: high quality lab services at a lower cost to consumers; MGH lab handles stat orders for quickest turnaround; Quest will enable MD's to receive lab results as they currently get them from MGH; Quest will meet relevant quality metrics; Quest has scheduling capabilities that will improve access and convenience for consumers; Quest can make results available to consumers electronically via computer, tablet, smartphone via dedicated app. MGH IT Dept is working with Quest to make it possible to push test results into the MGH system; then, as MGH integrates with the UCSF Epic system, test results will be pushed into that as well.

"ACT 2020" is well underway, the structured planning work being done for moving into the new hospital. There are 14 task forces of 141 people that include physicians, clinicians, administration, and other support staff.



He commended the extraordinary teamwork done by all teams – ED/Trauma, OR, Surgery (including UCSF neuro), ICU, ancillary – in handling the recent tragic shooting event at Helen Vine Center.

Director Bedard asked about pediatrics in the new hospital. Mr. Friedenberg explained that there will not be a separate peds unit but there will be licensed peds beds. MGH peds inpatient census is now consistently very low (less than one patient per day); MGH treats low acuity patients while modest acuity patients go to the area children's hospitals.

5. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 9, 2018

Director Simmonds moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Bedard seconded. Vote: all ayes.

6. Approval of MGH Bylaws Revision

This revision of the MGH Bylaws states that Physician Directors on the MGH Board shall serve no more than four years. Counsel Caughman clarified and corrected the agenda that this is the first reading of the revision by the District Board with no action taken tonight. The second, and actionable, reading will be at the next Regular Meeting of the MHD Board on December 11, 2018

7. MGH & MHD Boards Joint Nominating Committee

a. Second Reading and Approval of UCSF Nominees to the MGH Board of Directors, Mark Laret, and Joshua Adler MD

Director Simmonds moved to approve both nominations. Secretary Rienks seconded. Vote: Simmonds, aye; Rienks, aye; Bedard, aye; Hershon, aye; Sparkman, recused. Motion approved.

8. Approval of Board and Committee Meeting Schedule 2019

Director Simmonds moved to approve the schedule as presented, acknowledging that all dates are subject to change. Secretary Rienks seconded. Vote: all ayes.

9. Committee Meeting Reports

a. Finance & Audit Committee (met Oct. 23, 2018)

(1) Approval of Under Arrangements Agreement for Outpatient Diagnostic Services related to Pre-Admission Testing Center

Director Bedard reported that this agreement was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Committee. He noted that this is similar to other “under arrangement” agreements, and there is no cost to the District.

Secretary Rienks moved to approve as presented. Director Simmonds seconded.

Vote: Rienks, aye; Simmonds, aye; Bedard, aye; Hershon, abstain; Sparkman, abstain. Motion approved.

b. Lease & Building Committee

Director Simmonds reported on the “Men’s Health” public forum presented on October 16. The host and presenter were excellent and the presentation was well



received by the 20 or so attendees. It was live streamed on Facebook, followed by about 150 people. The video is being edited for posting.

10. Reports

a. District COO's Report

Mr. Friedenbergs reported that MGH 2.0 construction continues on time and on budget. The exterior panels are all nearly complete ahead of anticipated rain. A hard-hat tour for MHD Board members is being planned for the spring.

b. Hospital COO's Report

Report given earlier (item 4, above).

c. Chair's Report

Chair Sparkman thanked Vice Chair Hershon for her contributions and service on this Board for the past 4 years. She did not run for re-election, her term will be completed and she is moving out of Marin County.

d. Board Members' Reports

Each Board member voiced their thanks to Vice Chair Hershon for her service on this Board. She in turn expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Secretary Rienks reported that the number of mental health beds in California will be increasing, and that she has a report from the American Hospital Association on progress in mental health care services.

Director Bedard observed that immigration issues and rules threaten to keep people afraid to seek medical care. DHS has published a proposed rule related to public charge, and the public comment period ends on December 10.

11. Adjournment

Chair Sparkman adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.