



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 5:30 pm  
MarinHealth Medical Center  
Conference Center**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Alfrey called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

*Board members present:* Chair Edward Alfrey, MD; Vice Chair Brian Su, MD; Secretary Ann Sparkman, RN/BSN, JD Jennifer Rienks, PhD; Samantha Ramirez, BSW  
*Staff present:* David Klein, MD, CEO; Eric Brettner, CFO; Colin Leary, General Counsel; Tricia Lee, EA  
*Guest Present:* Lynn Seaver-Forsey, Executive Director of Quality Services

**2. General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approve Agenda**

Ms. Sparkman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Rienks seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

**4. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024**

Ms. Sparkman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Rienks seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

**5. Approval of Resolution #2024-03 Calling for Election**

Resolution 2024-03 to provide notification to the Marin County Election Department as it relates to the upcoming election for two (2) board positions. was presented (Tab #2). Resolution 2024-03 is Ms. Rienks moved to approve Resolution #2024-03 as presented. Ms. Sparkman seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

**6. Approval of Annual 2023 MarinHealth Medical Center Report of Performance Metrics and Core Services**

Dr. Klein presented the 2023 Annual Report, noting that all Tier 1 and Tier 2 performance metrics are in compliance. This Report was reviewed and approved by the MHMC Board of Directors at their regular meeting on June 4, 2024.

*Schedule 1: HCAHPS (Patient Satisfaction)* – Ms. Lynn Seaver-Forsey (Executive Director of Quality Services) commented. Scores have increased across all areas.



Dr. Klein remarked generally on Schedules 2,3,4,5.

*Schedule 6: Clinical Quality Reporting Metrics* – Ms. Seaver-Forsev noted that most all metrics are generally favorable to target or better.

*Schedule 7: External Awards* – Dr. Klein noted there were multiple surveys in 2023 which had successful outcomes, and he remarked on the many awards received in 2023.

*Schedule 8: Community Benefit* – Report given

Dr. Klein remarked generally on Schedules 9,10,11,12.

Chair Alfrey asked for a motion to approve the Report. Dr. Su moved to approve the report as presented. Ms. Rienks seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

## **7. Healthcare Advocacy and Emerging Challenges and Trends**

Dr. Klein provided an update to AB 1778, which aims to create a pilot program in Marin County for class 2 e-bikes. AB 1778 passed the Assembly floor and is now going to the full Senate floor.

Dr. Klein reported on the Seismic Reform Bill. CHA sponsored bill (SB 1432) moved out of the Senate with a strong vote and is now headed to the Assembly for further debate and discussion.

Dr. Klein reported The Office of Health Care Affordability Act recently approved healthcare spending targets.

Dr. Klein also reported on SB 1423, supported by CHA, to provide additional funding to critical access hospitals that are in financial distress. The bill aims to prevent hospital closures in critical areas. The Senate Health Care Committee has passed SB 1423.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### *A. Finance & Audit Committee*

Did not meet

### *B. Lease, Building, Education and Outreach Committee met June 8, 2024*

Ms. Rienks reported on the MHD Website redesign. The goal of the new website design is to provide accessible and useful information to the public. Ms. Rienks will bring the proposal to the board for a vote.

Ms. Rienks also discussed the e-newsletter to the public, suggesting it could include features like moth awareness campaigns and educational blurbs.



Ms. Rienks also provided an update on seminar topics for 2024 which include; upcoming Hypertension Seminar in September, Men's and Women's Health Seminar and Careers in Healthcare event for high school students.

Ms. Rienks also provided updates for upcoming Pop-Up's.

- August 17, 2024 Canal District Event
- November 2, 2024 Marin City Event with the City Health and Wellness Center
- Community Workers Day

## 9. Reports

### A. *Hospital and District CEO's Report*

Dr. Klein announced Dr. Matt Wills, Public Health Officer for Marin County is retiring at the end of September. Dr. Lisa Santora, Deputy Public Health Officer will be moving in to the role of Public Health Officer.

Dr. Klein reported on the Cardiology program and the significant advancements in innovative treatment and testing modalities. The Cardiac MRI program has been very successful.

Dr. Klein provided updates on expansions in the North Bay.

- The Petaluma Hub construction is underway. The facility is set to open in October.
- Santa Rosa expansion of vascular surgery services has been successful. There is potential to expand cardiology services in to Santa Rosa, in the coming months.
- Expansion of general and colorectal surgery in Petaluma is ongoing.

Dr. Klein provided updates on the Novato Imaging Center, due to open in July. Services will include advanced vascular imaging, plain film, MRI, mammography and tomosynthesis.

Dr. Klein reported on recruitment in various specialties: cardiac surgery, orthopedics, dermatology, neurology, psychiatry, pulmonology, nephrology, primary care, minimally invasive surgery and GI.

Six (6) primary care physicians have been hired to date, with several other in the pipeline.

Dr. Klein reported the California Orthopedic Spine Group (COS) have joined Marinhealth.

CMQCC (California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative) recognized Marinhealth Medical Center for their 2023 Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate.

The hospital By-Laws are currently under review. Any revisions will be brought back to the District Board for approval.



Dr. Klein provided an update on the electronic board meeting software. Boardvantage is set to be deployed August 2024. District Board members will be oriented and given full instructions.

The selection of the AI enhanced security system has been finalized.

Dr. Klein provided an updated on the FEMA funds. FEMA has approved \$317,000 of the \$541,000.00 that was submitted for.

*B. Chair's and Board Members' Reports.*

Ms. Rienks thanks Dr. Klein for speaking on the funding for rural hospitals. While at a recent conference there was discussion from rural public health individuals and they expressed the difficulties in getting healthcare in these areas.

Ms. Rienks spoke on a recent Health Council meeting, where the topic of MAT prescribing was brought up, for opioid use disorder. Ms. Rienks inquired if the emergency room. Dr. Alfrey look into programs in the emergency room.

Ms. Sparkman, requested the new president of College of Marin to come speak on information related to their nursing program and trade schools.

Ms. Ramirez provided information related to an LGBTQ pride event this month celebrating the LGBTQ community June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:30 PM at College of Marin.

Ms. Ramirez also discussed the possibility of a bilingual physician to join her radio show to discuss what we would like our Spanish speaking community to know when coming to the hospital.

**10. Agenda Suggestions for Future Meetings**

Ms. Sparkman, requested the new president of College of Marin to come speak on information related to their nursing program and trade schools.

Ms. Sparkman also asked the Commission on Aging speak on the grand jury report on the silver tsunami.

Ms. Rienks would like to have a discussion on becoming a designated "Age Friendly" Hospital.

**11. Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

Chair Alfrey adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.