



2020 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award Winner

**SOUTHERN MONO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
APRIL 2021 MONTHLY AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** April 15, 2021

**Place:** Mammoth Hospital Administration Conference Rooms A & B and Microsoft Teams  
85 Sierra Park Road  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Attendance of Board Members:** Dave Anderson, Chair; Laurey Carlson, Vice Chair; Joanne Hunt, Treasurer; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Secretary; Alec Clowes, Member at Large.

**Attendance of Staff Members:** Tom Parker, Chief Executive Officer; Melanie Van Winkle, Chief Financial Officer; Caitlin Crunk, Chief Nursing Officer; Craig Burrows, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; Mark Lind, Chief Information Officer; David Baumwohl, Legal Counsel; Sarah Rea, Recording Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND READING OF THE SMHD VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by David Anderson and the reading of the SMHD Mission, Vision & Values by Tom Parker.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**IV. CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

The Chief of Staff Report was discussed in Closed Session.

**V. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:08 a.m.

**VI. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:00 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION Existing Litigation and Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9.

1. Inyo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Northern Inyo Healthcare District v. Southern Mono Healthcare District, Sacramento Superior Court Case Nos. 34-2015-80002247-CU-WM-GDS & 34-2020-80003498-CU-WM-GDS; 3rd District Court of Appeal Case Nos. C085138 & C086087.

David Baumwohl reported discussion of CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL on PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION for the above items, no action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8).

David Baumwohl reported there were no matters to discuss: no action was taken.

QUALITY ASSURANCE – (Health and Safety Code §32155)

1. Chief of Staff Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Richard Koehler, M.D., Chief of Staff, due to the absence of the Chief of Staff, though his written report was received. No action was taken.

2. CEO Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Tom Parker, CEO. No action was taken.

3. CFO Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Melanie Van Winkle, CFO; no action was taken.

4. CNO Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were reported by and discussed with Caitlin Crunk, CNO; no action was taken.

5. CMO Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Craig Burrows, M.D., CMO. No action was taken.

6. CIO Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Mark Lind, CIO. No action was taken.

QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES - (Health and Safety Code §32155)

David Baumwohl reported that there were no QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES to review; no action taken.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRADE SECRETS (Health and Safety Code §32106)

1. Mammoth Hospital/Mammoth Hospital Clinics.

David Baumwohl reported that HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRADE SECRETS were not discussed, no action was taken.

CREDENTIALING

**Initial Appointment to Provisional Staff/Courtesy**

Michelle Newkirk, DO – Rheumatology

Nathan Ho, DO – Cardiology

David Baker, MD - Cardiology

**Re-Appointment to Active Staff**

Nathaniel Parker, MD – Anesthesia

**Initial Appointment to Provisional Staff/Allied Health**

Clare White, NP – Family Medicine/MAT Clinic

**Re-Appointment to Allied Health**

Brittania Cogan - Orthopedics

**Direct Radiology Initial Appointment to Telemedicine Staff**

Syed Akbar, MD

Patrick Burke, MD

Vitaly Izure, MD

Mona Silady, MD

Ammar Taha, MD

**Direct Radiology Re-Appointment to Telemedicine Staff**

Kristin Grubb, MD

John Nwankwo, MD

David Baumwohl reported the foregoing physician CREDENTIALING was not discussed; no action was taken.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Government Code §54957)

1. Tom Parker, CEO.

David Baumwohl reported a discussion took place with Tom Parker, CEO; no action was taken.

Staff and legal counsel left the Board meeting at 8:20 a.m. Tom Parker, CEO, remained in the meeting.

Closed Session ended at 8:47 a.m.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no additional Public Comments.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

(All matters on the consent agenda to be approved on one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specific item)

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1. Previous Minutes to be approved:  
March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
2. Chief Financial Officer Report
3. Chief Nursing Officer Report
4. Chief Medical Officer Report
5. Chief Information Officer Report
6. Human Resources Report

Yuri Parisky, M.D. moved, seconded by Laurey Carlson, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented in the packet. Chair Anderson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. David Anderson, Yes; Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Finance Committee

David Anderson, Joanne Hunt

Details from the Finance Committee Meeting were covered in the Financial Report.

2. Physician Compensation, Relations and Retention Committee  
Laurey Carlson, Joanne Hunt

There was no Physician Compensation meeting; no report.

3. Employee Relations Committee

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Joanne Hunt

There was no Employee Relations Committee meeting; no report.

4. Quality Assurance Committee (Met March 17, 2021)

Alec Clowes, Joanne Hunt

There was a Quality Assurance Committee meeting held on March 17, 2021. Minutes from the meeting were included in the Board packet.

5. CEO Annual Review Committee  
Laurey Carlson, David Anderson

There was no CEO Annual Review Committee meeting; no report.

6. IT Steering Committee (Met March 23, 2021)  
Alec Clowes, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

There was an IT Steering Committee meeting held on March 23, 2021. Minutes from the meeting were included in the Board packet.

7. Facilities Committee (Met April 13, 2021)  
Yuri Parisky, M.D., Laurey Carlson

There was a Facilities Committee meeting held on April 13, 2021. Minutes from the meeting will be included in the May Board packet.

8. Board Member Recruitment Committee  
Laurey Carlson, David Anderson

There was no Board Member Recruitment Committee meeting; no report.

9. Ad Hoc, Special, or Other (as needed) Committees

There are no Ad Hoc, Special, or Other (as needed) Committees at this time.

## **X. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Tom Parker, CEO, reviewed the following highlights from his report:

1. Tom will be attending the National Rural Health Association conference May 5-7. Board members are welcome to attend, Tom will also be happy to provide materials coming out of the conference.
2. Tom discussed the plan to expand the Family Medicine, Dental and Laboratory areas.
3. Tom clarified a statement from the CMO report regarding COVID infections in the hospital setting.
4. There was some discussion regarding trigger points for returning to in-person activities.
5. Tom discussed the perioperative excellence project and areas of focus for this project.
6. Tom discussed the employee compensation equity adjustment project.
7. Tom discussed the addition of a new Community Relations Coordinator. Caroline Britton has been hired for this position and will begin in May 2021. Dr. Parisky

asked if the Board could meet Ms. Britton, and Tom added that he would like Ms. Britton to present her program as a Board Education segment at a future meeting.

8. Joanne Hunt had a question about telehealth appointments. Melanie commented that this a strategic item that is currently being analyzed. Tom suggested that this be added to a future IT Steering Committee Agenda.
9. Dr. Parisky had some questions about offering Mammoth Hospital insurance pricing to medical staff.

#### **XI. FINANCE REPORT**

1. March 2021 Finance Report.
2. Investment Report.
3. Capital Expenditure Review.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, reviewed and presented the Financial Statements, included in the packet via PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Van Winkle reported the March Net Gain was \$1,972,000, which resulted in a favorable budget variance of \$1,206,000. The year-to-date Net Gain was \$5,411,000 which resulted in a favorable year-to-date budget variance of \$821,000. Days of cash-on-hand were at 454 at the end of March.

#### **XII. BOARD EDUCATION**

Kevin Larsen, Medical Imaging Manager, presented the Medical Imaging Program via PowerPoint. No action needed.

#### **XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 21-02, Adopt the Affordable Care Act's Look Back Measurement Method Safe Harbor.

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Yuri Parisky, M.D., to approve Resolution 21-02, Adopt the Affordable Care Act's Look Back Measurement Method Safe Harbor. Chair Anderson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. David Anderson, Yes; Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

2. Declaration of Surplus District Property, Equipment and Supplies.

David Anderson moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, that the Board found the surplus property as listed to have nominal or no value and is to be disposed of in a reasonable and appropriate manner as determined by staff. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. David Anderson, Yes; Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

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Yuri Parisky, M.D., seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve the appointments as listed above. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. David Anderson, Yes; Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Parker congratulated the winners of the Doctor of the Year Awards: Dr. David Araya for hospital-based doctor; Dr. Peter Clark for clinic-based doctor; and Dr. Kyle Howell for the Dennis Crunk Distinguished Physician Award.

**XVII. FUTURE BUSINESS**

The next Regular meeting will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. on Teams.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.