



2021 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award Winner

**SOUTHERN MONO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
MARCH 2022 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 17, 2022

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

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 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.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Schadt shared a story of his excellent experience at Mammoth Hospital. He expressed that he is incredibly thankful for his care and feels very safe at the hospital.

Danny Thomas shared a story of his excellent experience at Mammoth Hospital. He has had ten surgeries at this facility and said that everyone he has been in contact with has been reassuring and comforting, from the doctors to the receptionists.

Lorrie Gould, Vice President Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary, sent in the following written comments: The Hospital Auxiliary has paid \$11,057.52 for the Point of Care Analyzer and \$39,821.65 for the Cardiac Monitor up to this date. Lorrie is in contact with Andrew Crosby about the Ultrasound machine which will

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complete our contributions for this fiscal year. The Cast Off is doing very well and considering opening on Thursdays again when they can gather the staff.

IV. CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

The was no Chief of Staff report for the Open Session.

V. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:23 a.m.

VI. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:56 a.m.

Kyle Howell, M.D., Chief of Staff, requested permission to join the Closed Session meeting. Permission was granted.

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. Lavender & Baloch v. Southern Mono Healthcare District, et al., Mono County Superior Court Case No. 22UCM4.
2. Lavender & Baloch v. Southern Mono Healthcare District, et al., Mono County Superior Court Case No. 22UCM4.

David Baumwohl reported discussion of CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL on PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION for the above items, no action was taken. It was reported that the LAFCO lawsuits are complete, with Southern Mono Healthcare District being the prevailing party.

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

1. Discussion regarding acquisition of property at 3189 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 (APN 035-130-011). Negotiating parties are: Tom Parker and David Baumwohl for Southern Mono Healthcare District, and Matthew Lehman for the seller.

David Baumwohl reported discussion of REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS for the above item, no action was taken.

QUALITY ASSURANCE – (Health and Safety Code §32155)

1. Chief of Staff Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were reported and discussed with Kyle Howell, M.D., Chief of Staff. 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 not reported by or 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)

1. Review of the quarterly Beta Report.
2. Review of the quarterly Quality Report.

David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES were discussed; no action was taken.

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

1. Mammoth Hospital and 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

William Cragun, MD - Dermatology

David Baumwohl reported the foregoing physician CREDENTIALING was 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 meeting at 9:34 a.m. Tom Parker, CEO, remained in the meeting. No action was taken.

The closed session ended at 10:20 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)

1. Previous Minutes to be approved:
 - January 20, 2022 Annual & Regular Board Meeting
 - February 17, 2022 Strategic Planning Meeting
2. Chief Financial Officer Report
3. Chief Nursing Officer Report
4. Chief Medical Officer Report
5. Chief Information Officer Report
6. Administrative Services Report

David Anderson moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented in the packet. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were some questions from the Board. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. David Anderson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Alec Clowes

There was no Finance Committee meeting in March. No report.

2. Physician Compensation, Relations and Retention Committee: *Met January 13, 2022.*

Laurey Carlson, Joanne Hunt

There was a Physician Compensation, Relations and Retention Committee meeting on January 13; meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

3. Employee Relations Committee: *Met February 24, 2022.*

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Joanne Hunt

There was an Employee Relations Committee meeting on February 24, 2022; meeting minutes were included in the Board packet. Yuri Parisky, M.D. gave a short report.

4. Quality Assurance Committee: *Met March 9, 2022.*

Alec Clowes, Joanne Hunt

There was a Quality Assurance Committee meeting on March 9, 2022. Minutes were included in the packet. Alec Clowes gave a short report.

5. CEO Annual Review Committee

Laurey Carlson, David Anderson

There was no CEO Annual Review Committee, no report.

6. IT Steering Committee: *Met March 16, 2022.*

Alec Clowes, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

There was an IT Steering Committee meeting on March 16, 2022. Minutes will be included in the April Board packet. Yuri Parisky, M.D. gave a short report.

7. Facilities Committee: *Met February 25, 2022. Minutes included in packet.*

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Laurey Carlson

There was a Facilities Committee meeting held on February 25, 2022; minutes were included in the 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 were no Ad Hoc, Special, or other meetings; no reports.

X. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Parker, CEO, asked for questions regarding his report, there were none.

XI. FINANCE REPORT

1. February 2022 Financial Narrative.
2. Investment Report.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, directed Board members to the finance package in the Board packet. There were no questions from the Board.

XII. BOARD EDUCATION

There was no Board Education this month.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of revised Medical Staff Bylaws and beginning of 45-day review period.

David Baumwohl reported that the revised Medical Staff Bylaws will be sent to Board members within the 45-day period prior to the May 19, 2022 meeting, where the Bylaws will appear on the agenda for approval.

2. Review and Approval of the Mammoth Hospital Strategic Plan.

Tom Parker, CEO, gave a brief introduction to the proposed Strategic Plan. He reported that the strategy with respect to Labor and Delivery would be updated as follows: "Evaluate options for Labor and Delivery services including coordination with Northern Inyo Hospital District." Alec Clowes expressed that he would like to see this item brought back at a subsequent meeting so that a more robust discussion of the proposed plan could be held. This item was continued to the April 21, 2022 Board meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Dental and Laboratory Remodel Contract with KHI Medical.

Tom Parker noted that this contract was previously reviewed by the Facilities Committee. Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve the Dental and Laboratory Remodel Contract with KHI Medical. Chair Carlson asked for discussion, there was some. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; David Anderson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

4. Community Survey Results presented by Rohnda Ammouri, Catherine Lew, Richard Bernard and Laura Covarrubias of The Lew Edwards Group.

This item was taken as first in the agenda after the report on closed session ended. Rohnda Ammouri, Catherine Lew, Richard Bernard and Laura Covarrubias presented the community survey results. There were some questions from the Board. No action needed.

5. Review and approval of Employee Housing Policy.

Tom Parker, CEO, recommended approval of the Employee Housing Policy in conjunction with Mammoth Hospital's strategy to provide longer term housing for its employees. David Anderson moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve the Employee Housing Policy. Chair Carlson asked for discussion, there were some

questions from Vice Chair Hunt. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; David Anderson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

6. Quarterly Review and Approval of New and Revised Policies.

Alec Clowes moved, seconded by Yuri Parisky, M.D., to approve the new and revised policies. Chair Carlson asked for discussion, there was some. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; David Anderson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

7. Quarterly Review and Approval of New and Revised Contracts.

Alec Clowes moved, seconded by David Anderson, to approve the new and revised contracts. Chair Carlson asked for discussion, there were some questions from Vice Chair Hunt regarding contract expiration dates. It was requested that this item return to the Board for approval on April 21, 2022.

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

Joanne Hunt 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. Chair Carlson asked for discussion, there was none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; David Anderson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

9. Discussion and possible action for resuming in-person board meetings.

A discussion was held about the Brown Act and possibility for permanent modification to allow remote access for officials. David Baumwohl discussed the importance of allowing virtual appearances for both Board members and public. There were some comments from Yuri Parisky, M.D. regarding the COVID-19 pandemic continuation. Chair Carlson recommended to table this item to the April 21, 2022 Board meeting. Tom noted that as a healthcare facility, we may wish to act conservatively.

XV. CREDENTIALING

Initial Appointment to Provisional Staff

William Cragun, MD – Dermatology

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

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

XVII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Southern Mono Healthcare District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022

The next Regular meeting will take place on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms A&B at Mammoth Hospital and on Teams.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.