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## SOUTHERN MONO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MAY 2023 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** May 18, 2023

**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; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Secretary, Alec Clowes, Treasurer; Ryan Wood, Esq., Member at Large.

Secretary Yuri Parisky, M.D. attended via videoconference and was located at 3851 Cazador St. Los Angeles, CA 90065.

**Attendance of Staff Members:** Tom Parker, Chief Executive Officer; Melanie Van Winkle, Chief Financial Officer; Caitlin Crunk, Chief Nursing Officer; Mark Lind, Chief Operating Officer; David Baumwohl, Esq., Legal Counsel; Lindsey Sarullo, Esq., In-House Counsel; Sarah Rea, Recording Secretary.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 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 Laurey Carlson and the reading of the SMHD Mission, Vision & Values.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:02 a.m.

**V. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board resumed open session at 10:01 a.m.

David Baumwohl reported that Kyle Howell requested permission to attend closed session, permission was granted.

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

David Baumwohl reported that there was nothing to discuss, no action needed.

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

David Baumwohl reported that there was nothing to discuss, no action needed.

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. COO Report.

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David Baumwohl reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Mark Lind, COO. 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 discuss. No action needed.

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

1. Mammoth Hospital and Mammoth Hospital Clinics.

[no report from David on this?]

#### CREDENTIALING

##### **Re-Appointment to Active Staff**

John Payton, DO—Pathology

Jennie walker, MD—Emergency Medicine

##### **Moderate and Deep Sedation**

Brittaney Vargas, MD—Emergency Medicine

##### **Initial Appointment to Telemedicine Staff**

Hannah Bae, MD—Radiology

David Bass, MD—Radiology

Troy Belle, MD—Radiology

Rashmi Hande, MD—Radiology

Avez Rizvi, MD—Radiology

Faranak Sadri Tafazoli, MD—Radiology

Aaron Wickley, MD—Radiology

##### **Re-Appointment to Telemedicine Staff**

Anthony Willis, MD—Radiology

David Baumwohl reported that 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. Staff and legal counsel left the meeting at 8:40 a.m. No action was taken.

The closed session ended at 9:49 a.m.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no additional public comments.

**VII. 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:  
April 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
2. Chief Financial Officer Report
3. Chief Nursing Officer Report
4. Chief Medical Officer Report
5. Chief Operating Officer Report
6. Administrative Services Report

Ryan Wood 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 Joanne Hunt for the CMO and the CFO, as well as a question from Ryan Wood regarding a joint women’s health policy with Northern Inyo Hospital. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Finance Committee (May 15, 2023):

Laurey Carlson, Alec Clowes

There was a Finance Committee meeting on May 15, 2023. Alec Clowes gave a brief report.

2. Physician Compensation, Relations and Retention Committee (April 5, 2023):

Laurey Carlson, Joanne Hunt

There was a physician compensation, relations and retention committee meeting on April 5, 2023. Minutes were included in the packet. Joanne Hunt gave a brief report.

3. Employee Relations Committee:

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Joanne Hunt

There was no Employee Relations Committee meeting this month; no report.

4. Quality Assurance Committee (March 14, 2023):

Alec Clowes, Joanne Hunt

There was a Quality Assurance Committee meeting on March 14, 2023. Minutes were included in the board packet.

5. CEO Annual Review Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Ryan Wood

There was no CEO Annual Review Committee meeting this month, no report.

6. IT Steering Committee:

Alec Clowes, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

There was no IT Steering Committee meeting this month; no report.

7. Facilities Committee (May 2, 2023):

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Laurey Carlson

There was a Facilities Committee meeting on May 2, 2023. Minutes were included in the Board packet.

8. Board Member Recruitment Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Ryan Wood

There was no Board Member Recruitment Committee meeting this month, no report.

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

There was no Ad Hoc, or Other (as needed) Committee meeting this month, no report.

**IX. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

1. Tom Parker noted Mammoth Hospital will be scheduling a special Board meeting to discuss labor and delivery with two board members from Northern Inyo Hospital District, likely in the first half of June 2023.
2. Tom Parker said that Mammoth Hospital has hired a Women's Health nurse navigator to help pregnant patients with their transition to Northern Inyo Hospital. Dr. Parisky asked if the new navigator could come to Medical Imaging to meet the ultrasound technologists and to familiarize themselves with the ultrasound process.
3. Tom Parker thanked Alec Clowes for signing up for the National Rural Health Association board certification program.
4. Tom Parker discussed the feasibility of a mountain-based urgent care. He noted that he met with Dr. Sierra Bourne and also completed an initial analysis of Mammoth Mountain ski patrol data. His initial finding was that half of patients attended to by ski patrol come to Mammoth Hospital (approximately 1400), and approximately 150 were told to come to the hospital but did not. There was some discussion about this topic.
5. Tom Parker noted that the Daisy Awards ceremony was held on May 12. The Daisy award winner was Janet Johnson, who received five nominations. There were 18 total nominations.
6. Tom Parker read a shout out to Respiratory Therapist Heather Anderson. Tom noted that Little Lupins was awarded a Tier 5 score in an assessment by First Five in coordination with the State of California. This is the highest rating available.

**X. FINANCE REPORT**

1. April 2023 Financial Package.
2. Investment Report.

The financial package was included in the Board packet. Melanie Van Winkle gave a brief report. Melanie noted that Standard and Poor's performed its report and we maintained our credit rating.

## **XI. BOARD EDUCATION**

Susan Craig, Medical Staff Coordinator, gave a presentation on credentialing. There were some questions from the Board. No action needed.

## **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to revise the agenda to say review and approval of new and revised contracts. Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve the new and revised contracts. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

## **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 23-02, Recognition of Rusty Gregory.

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Yuri Parisky, M.D., to approve Resolution 23-02, Recognition of Rusty Gregory. David Baumwohl noted that Laurey Carlson, as an employee of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, had no compulsion to recuse herself from the vote. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were some from Dr. Parisky. A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

1. Review and approval to purchase DePuy Synthes, Velys Robotic Assisted solution for Total Knee Arthroplasty \$655,000.

There was a motion by Joanne Hunt, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve the contract for the DePuy Synthes, Velys Robotic Assisted solution for total knee arthroplasty. The board finds that the district is not required to contract with the lowest responsible bidder, as the foregoing involves medical equipment and supplies; and that management has done its due diligence on the comparison of vendors, using its best business judgment and reasonable competitive means. The CEO is authorized to execute all necessary contract documents. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

2. Review and Approval of the Revised Financial Assistance Policy.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, reviewed this topic. There was some discussion. Alec Clowes moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve the revised Financial Assistance Policy. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

3. Review and approval of professional services agreement between Southern Mono Healthcare District and Mammoth Orthopedic Institute, Inc., for the provision of orthopedic professional Services.

Tom Parker recognized Melanie Van Winkle for her efforts on this contract. There was some discussion.

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Alec Clowes, to approve the professional services agreement between Southern Mono Healthcare District and Mammoth Orthopedic Institute, Inc., for the provision of orthopedic professional Services. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

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

There was no Surplus District Property, Equipment and Supplies to declare. No action needed.

#### **XIV. CREDENTIALING**

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Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve the credentialing as listed above. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

#### **XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no further public comments.

#### **XVI. FUTURE BUSINESS**

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The next Regular meeting will take place on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms A&B at Mammoth Hospital and on Teams.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.