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Mission Statement: Hospital District #6 provides high quality, patient, and family centered health and wellness services in partnership with our communities.

HD#6 HOSPITAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2026 – 5:15 p.m. – Patterson Health Center, Large Conference Room

PRESENT:

Board of Directors

Jan Lanie, Dick Aldis, Jerid Befort, Tim Penner, Kirstin Stoughton, Pam Fallis

PHC Sarah Teaff, CEO; Lori Allen, COO; Sandra Owen Campbell, CFO; Kim Barwick, HR Director; Carol McKee, Heritage Estates; Loretta Kerschen, Harper Wellness Center; Amber Speer, RN, QA/Infection Control/Risk Manager

Guests Tiffany Cooperrider, Marla Wedman, Bret Misak, Pam Gerber - The Hub Committee

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD EDUCATION or PRESENTATIONS: The Hub Committee – Cooperrider, Harper City Administrator, shared that the Harper community is in the process of applying for a downtown revitalization grant. There will be a vote on March 3, 2026, requesting a one cent sales tax for the funding to utilize for grant opportunities. The Committee would like to partner with PHC in the creation of a fitness hub which would include physical as well as social opportunities. The committee requested that the hospital consider relocating the Harper Wellness Center and its staff to the downtown location. The Hospital Board asked The Hub Committee to continue to keep them informed of progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular board meeting on December 18, 2025, were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Lanie; seconded by Penner; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, POLICY REVIEW & APPROVAL:

Disaster Preparedness Appendix B – the Appendix was updated as part of the bi-annual review. There are several appendices to the preparedness plan so these are being submitted gradually.

Imaging Department Policies & Procedures were presented for their bi-annual review. Updates were made to represent current practices and protocols.

The appendix and policies were approved as presented. Motion by Lanie; seconded by Stoughton. Motion carried unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF AND CREDENTIALING REPORT:

Due to the Executive Medical Staff meeting being held after the Hospital Board meeting, there were no credentialing applications for consideration.

OPERATIONS REPORTS:

Risk Management/Quality Assurance/Infection Control

- Speer reviewed the infection prevention work plan with identified priorities for 2026.
- 83% of employees received the flu vaccine, up from 80% the previous year. Statistics show flu infections are growing in Kansas. COVID infections have not increased; free home test programs have ended.
- Fourth quarter Quality statistics, goals and improvements were reviewed.
- The Risk Management fourth quarter report was provided. Risk Management projects for 2026 have been identified and include light labels to more accurately identify locations and to review/revise the rapid response plan and staff members who should respond.

COO:

- 340B Rebate Model & CMS Fair Pricing: The proposed 340B rebate model remains on hold following federal court rulings questioning the government's authority to implement it without further rulemaking. Separately, CMS has initiated fair pricing requirements for ten drugs; the estimated impact on Patterson Health Center is approximately \$150,000, pending final utilization data and guidance.
- Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits: Enhanced federal tax credits expired on December 31, 2025. To mitigate the impact of rising patient out-of-pocket costs, management is leveraging recently implemented tools, including PayZen payment plans, strengthened upfront collections for specialty services, and enhanced financial screening to reduce bad debt.
- Wastewater Lagoon Project: Driggs Design Group provided a draft Preliminary Engineer's Report (PER) identifying groundwater seepage as a primary cause of elevated lagoon levels. Driggs Design will attend the March Board Meeting to present remediation options. Management recognized Aaron Schule and the maintenance team for their extensive data collection and technical support on this project.
- Senior Life Solutions: The program officially launched in December, holding its first group session on December 19. Initial metrics and regional insights indicate a successful launch with strong early engagement and a solid operational foundation.

CEO:

- MOUD Program Implementation: Supported by a \$255,000 grant from the Patterson Family Foundation, the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program is being developed for the Emergency Department. Led by Dr. Kent Potter and Luciana Thornton, PharmD, the program addresses a key Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) priority through a sustainable, billable model.
- Behavioral Health Integration: Tyra Hostetler is completing her practicum and has been accepted into MSW programs. This internal workforce development supports the long-term goal of integrated behavioral health services.
- Medical Staff Achievement: Dr. Nizar Kibar achieved a 98th percentile ranking nationally in the American Board of Internal Medicine's Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment, reflecting the high standard of clinical excellence at PHC.

- Hospitalist Coverage: With the addition of Steve Moyer, APRN, PHC has met its annual goal of securing two PRN hospitalists, enhancing inpatient coverage flexibility.
- IT Succession Planning: To ensure 24/7 technical support and prepare for the retirement of Bill Rossmiller, a new IT FTE position has been approved and candidates are being considered.
- Asset Management: A "For Sale" sign has been placed on the Anthony campus lot. Management will bring any viable offers or recommended actions to the Board.
- External Funding Opportunities: Kansas was awarded federal funding for rural health transformation. PHC's current initiatives in behavioral health and workforce development align with this funding, positioning the organization for future grant opportunities.
- EMS Collaboration: Leadership met with Jan Harding, EMS Director, to explore collaborations and funding opportunities to ensure the continued viability of Harper County's emergency services.
- Market Intelligence: Rock Regional Hospital (Derby, KS) permanently closed in early January 2026 following Chapter 11 bankruptcy and eviction proceedings.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Campbell reported on December 2025 Financials. The 2025 financials are currently unaudited; FORVIS, accounting firm will be onsite the week of March 2, 2026. December's activity in cash accounts was reviewed, that included payments received and expenses paid out. Payments received from insurance and patients were \$1,405,444. Additional revenue included: Provider Assessment Payments \$38,447.00; Contract Revenue \$7,552.82; KHA Workmans Comp \$4,761.87; Harper County Health Foundation \$800.00 Mamo tests and \$100,000 loan proceeds from Bank of Commerce for C-Arm machine. December included two payrolls and four account payable runs. Annual loan payments to USDA-EMR and for the remodeling of the SCDME/Wellness Center building were made totaling \$657,225.19. Days Cash on Hand decreased to 173 days. Patient Accounts Receivable decreased with a total AR balance of \$2,923,276.00 and AR Days at 29.04. Gross Patient Revenue for December was \$2,304,887. Inpatient revenue increased with 38 patient days and has a YTD increase of \$3,141 in revenue. Swingbed revenue increased for the month with 86 patient days and has a YTD increase of \$610,134 in revenue and 1,126 patient days. Outpatient Revenue saw an increase in revenue in December, and a small YTD increase in revenue of \$31,849 or .21%. The top three outpatient services lines for Year 2025 were Lab, CT and ER. Total Operating Revenues decreased for the month and has a YTD increase of \$564,577 or 2.49% compared to December 2024. Total Operating Expenses increased in December with total expenses of \$2,646,250. YTD total expenses increased by 1.26% or \$329,961. The top three operating expenses for Year 2025 were Salaries and Wages, Employee Benefits, and Professional Fees. Year-end journal entries for adjustments to inventory and additional accrued expenses caused a higher net loss for the month of \$685,786 for December with a YTD Loss of \$1,333,130 (unaudited).

Accounts payable for December totaled \$2,361,. Accounts payable were approved as presented. Motion by Penner seconded; by Fallis. Motion carried unanimously.

HARPER COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION (HCHF): The Harper County Health Foundation is seeking a new board member after Erin Albright resigned. The Foundation's annual meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at PHC. Fundraisers are being planned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Therapy Services: The contract with Inspire Rehabilitation is fully executed. Inspire Rehabilitation is rebranding to inReach. Implementation is underway, with Erin Finke, DPT, appointed as Interim Physical Therapy Manager effective March 2 to oversee the transition and ensure

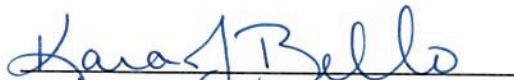
continuity of care. As a reminder, the decision to partner with inReach was to address recruitment and growth in rehabilitation services.

NEW BUSINESS: February Board Meeting: Discussion was held regarding a scheduling conflict for CEO Teaff to attend the February meeting. The consensus of the Hospital Board was to keep the meeting on February 26, 2026, with the CEO providing a written report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:30 p.m. the Hospital Board entered an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Open session to resume at 6:45 p.m. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Penner. Motion carried unanimously. Open session resumed at 6:45 p.m. at which time a motion was made to extend the executive session by 10 minutes. Open session to resume at 6:55 p.m. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Penner. Motion carried unanimously. Open session resumed at 6:55 p.m. at which time a motion was made to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Open session to resume at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Befort. Motion carried unanimously. Open session resumed at 7:00 p.m. A recess was taken until 7:04 p.m. at which time a motion was made to enter executive session for 10 minutes. Open session to resume at 7:14 p.m. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Befort. Motion carried unanimously. Open session resumed at 7:14 p.m. at which time a motion was made to enter executive session for 10 minutes. Open session to resume at 7:24 p.m. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Penner. Open session resumed at 7:24 p.m. No action was taken while in executive session.

CEO Contract: Following discussion the Hospital Board authorized Lanie and Penner to negotiate a new three-year employment contract for CEO Teaff effective February 1, 2026. Motion by Fallis, seconded by Befort. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned to 7:25p.m. Motion made by Lanie; seconded by Penner. Motion carried unanimously.


Kara Bello, Secretary

Approved by the Board 2/26/26 (Date)