



**Hospital District #6 Harper County**  
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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**  
**September 25, 2025 – 5:17 p.m. – Patterson Health Center, Large Conference Room**

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Directors**

Jan Lanie, Dick Aldis, Jerid Befort, Kara Bello, Kristin Stoughton

**PHC** Sarah Teaff, CEO; Lori Allen, COO; Sandra Owen, CFO; Kristen Birket, Marketing Director

**Guests** None

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**BOARD EDUCATION or PRESENTATIONS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the RNR, Public Budget Hearing and regular board meeting on August 28, 2025, were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Lanie; seconded by Befort; motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS, POLICY REVIEW & APPROVAL:**

Marketing – Birket reviewed activities planned for the women’s night event “Sip, Sparkle & Self Love” scheduled for October 16, 2025, at Patterson Health Center from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Senior Life Solutions Policies – Policies were presented for review and approval. All policies are new and have been approved by the medical staff.

Diagnostic Imaging – MRI Patient Screening Policy was updated to include language and a consent form for pregnant patients.

The policies were approved as presented. Motion by Bello; seconded by Stoughton; motion carried unanimously.

**MEDICAL STAFF AND CREDENTIALING REPORT:**

The Executive Medical Staff met on September 24, 2025, to consider credentialing applications from:

- New appointments – StatRad Teleradiologists credentialed by proxy included Tejal Patel, MD; and Monther Quandeel, MD. Other reappointments included Amy Quinn, PA; and Trent Befort, APRN.

- Reappointments: Suhail Ansari, MD; Levi Short, MD; and Patrik Leonard, MD.; and Kent Potter, DO.
- Terminations/Resignations – None.

The applications were recommended for Board approval by the Executive Medical Staff. The board approved the medical staff applications and privileges as presented. Motion by Lanie, seconded by Befort. Motion carried unanimously

## **OPERATIONS REPORTS:**

### **Quality/Risk Management/Infection Control**

- Influenza vaccination protocols were reviewed including availability of vaccine.

### **COO:**

- 340B rebate program - HRSA recently clarified several operational details. The deadline for manufacturer application was September 15, 2025; approvals are expected by October 15, 2025 for a January 1, 2026, effective date. Remedies have been provided where rebates delayed past 10 days may result in manufacturers being removed from the program for not meeting timeliness standards. HRSA will publish a list of participating manufacturers with a summary of approved plans. Manufacturers are also required to notify covered entities of plan details no later than 60 days prior to implementation. PHC will continue to monitor possible administrative burdens and cash-flow impacts.
- An update was provided regarding PayZen implementation which offers patients more flexibility in managing their medical bills by providing longer payments terms than the hospital's in-house program. While the program metrics are slightly less than our initial expectations, the program is still in the early stages. Overall, PayZen is meeting its purpose by providing patients with access to extended payment plans while improving the hospital's cash flow position.
- Eide Bailly has completed the charge master review providing approximately 65 recommendations. These range from simple updates to more complex changes that include restructuring the matrix. Implementation is underway with priority given to changes that have the most immediate impact. The review identified opportunities to not only strengthen compliance and price transparency, but also to improve revenue and reimbursement through better alignment with coding and payer expectations.
- Reminder of the public Health Fair on October 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, employee October 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and Conway Springs October 24<sup>th</sup>. There are 54 public registered, 52 employees, and 1 Conway Springs.

### **CEO:**

- Kansas Hospital Association board education opportunities are available in the upcoming months. Three 90-minute virtual sessions will be held, topics include leadership role, agendas, legal considerations, strategic planning, quality oversight, board culture, succession planning, and CEO/board relationship. Board members were provided with dates and connectivity information.
- Teaff has been nominated and elected to the KHA Board of Directors for a term of three years. Teaff will be attending orientation for the role in October. There is also a commitment to attend five board meetings per year. This opportunity provides PHC with a stronger position to advocate for CAHs, access to best practices, and a statewide leadership presence.
- Chad Austin, KHA President/CEO, has invited Board members to join in a small, virtual gathering with Senator Marshall on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 11am. Focus will be on CMS's Rural

Health Transformation Grant Program which has five priorities that include: making rural healthy again, sustainable access, workforce development, innovative care, and technology innovation. Kansas could receive approximately 1 billion over a five year period if the application is successful. The application is due by November 5, 2025; awards will be announced December 31, 2025.

- PHC is exploring opportunities to relocate the Harper Wellness Center as part of the City of Harper's efforts to revitalize main street. Relocation addresses structural issues with the current facility. Early discussions include pooling grant funds and resources. Teaff will continue to be involved in discussions.
- Wellness Center membership rates are increasing October 1, 2025. The change in rates will align the rate structure across both sites and positions the centers for sustainability and upgrades.
- Morgan and the Radiology Department passed the annual Mammography Survey.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

Owen reported on the August 2025 Financials. August's activity in cash accounts was reviewed, that included payments received and expenses paid out. Payments received from insurance and patients were \$1,431,475.00. Additional revenue included: Purchasing Rebates of \$17,561.00, Provider Assessment Payments \$6,118.25 and other misc. revenue. August included two payrolls and four account payable runs. Days Cash on Hand increased to 185. Patient Accounts Receivable increased with a total AR balance of \$3,260,287 and AR Days at 33.10. Gross Patient Revenue for August was \$2,077,295. Inpatient revenue increased in August with 39 patient days and has a YTD decrease of \$19,580 in revenue. Swingbed revenue increased for the month with 102 patient days and has a YTD increase of \$579,750 in revenue. YTD patient days is 843 vs 508 YTD August 2024. Outpatient Revenue saw a decrease in revenue in August and continues to have a YTD decrease in revenue of \$169,989 or 1.70%. Total Operating Revenues has a YTD increase of \$668,978 or 4.49% compared to August 2024. Total Operating Expenses decreased in August with total expenses of \$2,084,914. YTD total expenses has decreased by 2.28% or \$397,991. A Net Loss of \$26,274 was reported for the month of August 2025 with a YTD Loss of \$381,731.

Owen shared with the Board that the Interim Medicare Cost Report as of July 31, 2025, had been prepared. A current payable is projected for the year due to the increase in Swing-bed days and costs have remained flat. Administration will continue to monitor Medicare charges and costs for the remaining of the year to optimize the 101% reimbursement with the Medicare Cost Report. Owen stated that the final Medicare Cost Report will be filed with 12-31-25 data and is due May 31, 2026.

Accounts payable for August were \$1,585,553.51. Motion by Bello, seconded by Befort, to approve accounts payable. Motion carried unanimously.

**HARPER COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION (HCHF):** The Foundation discussed establishing guidelines for the Education Fund to ensure it remains above the minimum balance. Several grant applications and healthcare worker scholarship requests were reviewed. Final preparations for the upcoming golf tournament were addressed. In addition, the Foundation returned unused dialysis funds to Patterson Health Center, designating them for the purchase of a mammography machine.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Harper County Housing and Ad Valorem Rebate program is expiring December 31, 2025. Harper County wants to continue offering the rebate program and requested that the hospital waive tax levies related to the program. The hospital has participated in the program since 2021. The Hospital Board approved participation in the program. Motion by Lanie; seconded by Bello. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting schedule places the November and December meetings on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Members were requested to check their availability and propose alternative dates for both meetings. The meetings were rescheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned to 6:47 p.m. Motion made by Lanie; seconded by Befort. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Kara Bello, Secretary

Approved by the Board 11/20/25 (Date)