

**THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

January 25, 2023

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Rick McKnight, Acting Chair, Alpna Arora, Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., Brenda DeRamus, John Hargrove,

Member Excused: Mike Burns, Susan McWhirter, M.D.

Others Present: Laura Drew, Allen Holladay, Bill Tustin, Andrew Rothschild

**I. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Ms. Arora, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the minutes of the October 26, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

**II. Review of Operations and approval of Financial Statements Period Ending September 30, 2022**

**A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority**

Total income year-to-date December 31, 2022 was \$144,931 versus prior year of \$140,616. Total expenses were \$203,392 versus the prior year of \$168,491. Net income was -\$58,461 versus the prior year of -\$27,875.

Total Current Assets of \$7.3M versus prior year of \$5.4M. Noncurrent Assets and other of \$5M versus \$3.46M. Total Current Liabilities of -\$7,317 versus \$325,607

**B. Spring Harbor**

Operating income for year-to-date December 31, 2022 was \$512K versus the budget of \$371K and PY of \$371K. Total occupancy was 81.3% versus the target of 84.3%. Independent living current occupancy was 170 versus the target of 175. Healthcare occupancy was 70.4% versus the target of 74.5%. Operating Expenses of \$7.7M is \$275K under budget

**C. Piedmont Columbus Regional**

Month ending December 31, 2022 earnings after regional allocations of \$9.1M on a budget of \$9.6M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$41.2M on a budget of \$42.0M. The Emergency Department continues to be picking up. Outpatient Encounters were below budget.

On motion by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Ms. Arora, the board adopted the financial/operations report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

**III. Spring Harbor Update**

Currently in the CMS window. Continuing to move forward on the Bistro renovation project. There has been a change in leadership in dietary and the company will be using Spring Harbor as a training site.

**IV. Piedmont Commitment Update**

Mr. Holladay reviewed the Memorandum from Mr. Scott Hill in reference to the Annual Report from The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional. The Covenants and Obligations were reviewed along with the Capital Commitments, PHC Audited Financial Statements, Community Health Needs Assessment and Accompanying Implementation Plans, and the Community Benefit Report.

On motion by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Brabson, the board approved to adopt the Memo and the attachments thereto presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

**V. Report from Chairman**

There was no report from the Chairman.

**VI. Report from Piedmont Columbus Regional**

Mr. Holladay provided the following update:

- Awaiting approval for the CON on the Children's Hospital project. Are in the final stages of selecting a general contractor for the Children's Hospital and the ICU projects.
- Open Forums were held in November and December. Although attendance was low, session were great.
- Staffing continues to be a challenge. Meeting with departments to figure out how they can live without contract labor. Continuing to keep more people than we are losing. Looking like we are improving to where we were prior to COVID.

**VII. Other**

There were no other items for discussion.

**VIII. Executive Session**

On motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the Authority, on advice of legal counsel, then went into executive session, closed to the public, to discuss matters described below pursuant to exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(a)(6)(C) which permits closure of any meeting of the governing authority of a public hospital in which the granting, restriction or revocation of medical staff privileges is discussed; pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 which permits closure of any meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation brought by or against an "agency"; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law §50-31-75.2 which permits closure in executive session to allow discussion of a potentially commercially valuable proposal or strategy that may be of "competitive advantage" in the operations of the Authority or its medical facilities that has not been made

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public. The members voting to go into executive session were all those who were initially present as indicated above.

*Rock McHugh*

Chair

*Lina Etheridge*

Assistant Secretary