

Memorial Hospital Lafayette County 'MHLC'  
 August 10, 2016  
 MHLC Conference Room  
 Minutes from Monthly MHLC Committee Meeting

**Present:** MHLC Chair Jack Sauer; MHLC County Supervisors Wayne Wilson; Larry Ludlum; Bob Boyle; Dr. Matt Solverson; Bev Anderson; Homer Evenstad; Jack Wiegel; Administrator Julie Chikowski; COO Kathy Kuepers; MHLC Finance Manager Molly Wiegel; Finance Director Nicola Maurer; HIM Director Angela Turpin; RJ Reporter.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Sauer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**II. Posting**

Mr. Sauer asked if the meeting had been properly posted. Ms. Turpin reported that the meeting had been posted with notices at the Hospital, Health Department, Manor, Court House, County Website, and sent to the local media. Mr. Sauer declared the meeting to be legal.

**III. Approval of Agenda - Discussion and possible action requested**

Mr. Sauer presented the agenda and inquired if there were any changes. After a brief discussion Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Wiegel. Voice vote, motion passed.

**IV. Minutes – Discussion and possible action requested**

The motion was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting. Voice vote, motion passed.

**V. Closed Session**

Closed session at request of the Hospital Committee Pursuant to WI Statute Section 19.85 (1)(e) for discussion regarding the investing of public funds and other specified public business as required for competitive and bargaining reasons as to remain competitive in the marketplace.

The motion was made by Mr. Ludlum to go into closed session at the request of the hospital committee pursuant to WI. Statute Section 19.85 (1)(e) for discussion regarding the investing of public funds and other specified public business as required for competitive and bargaining reasons so as to remain competitive in the marketplace. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wiegel. Roll call vote: Wilson – Yes; Sauer – Yes; Ludlum – Yes; Boyle – Yes; Solverson – Yes; Wiegel – Yes; Anderson – Yes; Evenstad – Yes.

**VI. Reconvene to Open Session:**

Reconvene to Open Session: The motion was made by Mr. Wilson to reconvene to open session, seconded by Mr. Boyle. Motion carried.

**VII. Closed Session**

Closed session at request of the Hospital Committee Pursuant to WI Statute Section 19.85 (1)(e) for discussion regarding the investing of public funds and other specified public business as required for competitive and bargaining reasons as to remain competitive in the marketplace.

The motion was made by Mr. Mr. Wilson to go into closed session at the request of the hospital committee pursuant to WI. Statute Section 19.85 (1)(e) for discussion regarding the investing of public funds and other specified public business as required for competitive and bargaining reasons so as to remain competitive in the marketplace. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boyle. Roll call vote: Sauer – Yes; Ludlum – Yes; Boyle – Yes; Solverson – Yes; Wiegel – Yes; Anderson – Yes; Evenstad – Yes.

**VIII. Reconvene to Open Session:**

Reconvene to Open Session: The motion was made by Mr. Ludlum to reconvene to open session, seconded by Mr. Wiegel. Motion carried.

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**IX. Discussion and Possible Action, if necessary or appropriate, on matter discussed in closed session:**

The motion was made by Mr. Ludlum to increase CNA wages by \$1.55 per hour with a starting wage of \$14.00 an hour, seconded by Mr. Evenstad. Voice vote, motion passed.

The motion was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the creation of a Nurse Practitioner position at the hospital, seconded by Mr. Boyle. Voice vote, motion passed.

**X. Management Report-Discussion and possible action requested.**

**Old Business:**

**1. Painting Exterior of the Hospital**

Ms. Chikowski presented all members with two samples of paint possibilities for painting the brick of the hospital. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the hospital could use a facelift, however the committee members were not sure if painting the brick was the best option. Ms. Chikowski stated there is a five year guarantee on the paint from chipping. Mr. Sauer stated he has been speaking with representatives in the committee in which they feel it would be a nice update. Mr. Sauer also spoke with some foundation members and it was stated they also feel a facelift outside would be a nice addition to the hospital. Mr. Sauer also stated he completed some research on painting brick and if done properly could last up to 20 plus years. Mr. Ludlum stated he would like to see the hospital monies go to better use such as paying our help. Mr. Boyle stated renovations have been done nicely to the inside of the hospital and it would be nice if the outside would reflect those updates. Ms. Anderson stated this decision needs to be supported by the group with justifying decision making. General discussion continued.

Mr. Sauer motioned for a roll call vote:

Roll call vote: Sauer-yes; Ludlum-no; Boyle-yes; Solverson-yes; Wiegel-yes; Anderson-yes; Evenstad-no.

Motion carried with majority votes.

Mr. Sauer stated the painting of the hospital will begin in September 2016.

**I. New Business**

**1. Meriter Unity Point Update**

Ms. Chikowski and Ms. Kuepers met with Unity Point Community Connect as well as Monroe Hospital regarding a contract to convert the hospital's current electronic health record to Epic. Unity Point Community Connect contract was proposed not to exceed 1.2 million to fully implement Epic. An annual maintenance fee not to exceed \$250,000 would be applied. Ms. Chikowski stated if committed by the end of the year the transition will begin in February 2017 and completely implemented by November 2017.

Monroe Clinic proposed a bid not to exceed 2 million dollars and an annual maintenance fee of not to exceed \$500,000 would be applied.

Ms. Kuepers stated our current electronic health record will be phasing out. Currently we are the last hospital to be on Medhost as Tomah Memorial Hospital has also decided to go Epic. Ms. Chikowski stated Epic will provide the hospital with much efficiency such as coding, medical decision making and documentation. Epic will provide ambulatory clinic, hospital, and ER systems all encompassed in one. Ms. Chikowski stated at the time of signing with Medhost, Epic was not an option for the hospital as Epic was not contracting with small rural hospital. Ms. Chikowski stated this contract provides no ownership piece. This contract is for Epic only. Discussion ensued. Ms. Chikowski stated the hardware updates are included in the bid and training will be provided.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyle to allow administration to commit to the purchase of Epic through Unity Point Community Connect and pursue for the capital budget for 2017. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ludlum. Voice vote, motion passed.

**II. Set Next Meeting Date** – After a general discussion it was agreed upon August 24<sup>th</sup>. 2016 at 8:30 am would be the next meeting date.

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**Next Hospital Committee Meeting**  
**August 11, 2016 8:00 a.m.**  
**MHLC Downstairs Conference Room**

- X. **Adjournment** – Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boyle to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, meeting was adjourned.