

**McDonough District Hospital  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 19, 2026**

The Board of Directors of McDonough District Hospital (MDH) met on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Jere Greuel, Chairman, MDH Board of Directors. Roll call was taken, and the following Board members were present: Jere Greuel, Dr. Curt Farr, Wanda Foster, Dave Garner, Seth Minter, Kathy Neumann, Dan O'Neill, Ryan Riggins.

JoEllen Pensinger listened in via remote connection but did not participate in any discussion or votes.

Also present: Bill Murdock, President/CEO  
Dr. Mary Kathleen Lockard, MDH Medical Staff President  
Sherri Hitchcock, VP/CFO  
Wayne Laramie, VP and CNO  
Bill Corbin, VP Chief Human Resources Officer  
Gloria Bamforth, VP MDH Medical Group  
Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy  
Shane Miller, Supervisor of MDH Community Pharmacy  
Brittany Moore, Director of MDH Foundation  
Kim Thorman, Executive Assistant

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

**Medical Staff Recognition / Board of Director Education**

Bill Murdock introduced Shane Miller, Supervisor of the MDH Community Pharmacy, to the group.

- Shane has worked as the supervisor of the community Pharmacy since October, but previously worked at MDH in the Inpatient Pharmacy.
- The average daily script count, transfers of scripts per day and goals and expectations for the pharmacy were shared.
- Recent hires and current initiatives were shared
  - Meds to Beds program
  - Long Term Care Packaging and securing script contracts
- Shane addressed question about mailing scripts across state lines.
  - No issues with this outside of controlled substances.
- Noted the home delivery radius is 30-miles
- Shane addressed questions about customer utilization of coupon vendors
  - Shane noted they are willing to price-match coupon vendors, but do not participate in some of the more well-known coupon vendors due to their data privacy and fraudulent practices.
  - More information on this is available at the pharmacy.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was Reviewed by the board and there were no questions or discussions. It included:

- December 15, 2026, Board Meeting Open and Closed Session Minutes
- January 15, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting Open and Closed Session Minutes
- Approval of FY2025 MDH Audit Reports
  - Includes MDH, Foundation, and MDH Insurance Company Reports
- Medical Staff Office Report
  - Applications for Initial Appointments and Reappointments

**A motion was made by Dr. Farr and seconded by Dave Garner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

## **Administrative Standing Reports / Updates**

### **Sherrri Hitchcock, VP CFO:**

- Q2 performance improved over Q1; cash collections and revenue were noted as above budget.
- Registration decentralization initiated in Radiology; Surgery to follow.
  - Implementation is to improve patient experience
- FY26 expenses are trending above budget; working to hold departments accountable to their budgets.
- Budget process kickoff is scheduled.
- ERC payment is still pending

### **Wayne Laramie, VP CNO:**

- Director of Quality recruitment ongoing; additional interview scheduled.
  - Interim coverage continues; external contract ending Jan. 30.
- Traveler nurse FTEs reduced from 20 (April) to 5 with further reduction expected.
- Concord Medical Group ER transition successful
  - Concord Medical Director to begin Feb. 1.
- Swing bed admissions have resumed; prediction of a positive financial impact.
- SANE nurse training partnership with IL Attorney General's Office scheduled locally for Feb. 24–26.
- Lifeguard ambulance service fully occupying Westervelt House
  - The new contract supports the addition of a third 24/7 ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance and weekday transfer truck.

### **Bill Corbin, VP CHRO:**

- Completed 2026 benefits open enrollment; minimal premium increases.
- Reduced co-pays for MDH community pharmacy prescriptions.
- Increased HSA contributions for third consecutive year; HDHP (High-Deductible Health Plan) enrollment increased 11%.
- Shared employee engagement activities completed throughout 2025.
- Angel Tree program fulfilled over 100 long-term care resident requests.
- Employee/physician engagement survey scheduled for March; target 85% participation.
- Questions from the board regarding the MDH Employee Support Market – deferred to Kim
  - Peer to peer initiative to provide an area on campus which is stocked with food and toiletries
  - Available for employees to access 24/7
  - Continues to be utilized and sustained by initial contributions but plans are in place to sustain long-term

### **Gloria Bamforth, VP MDH Medical Group:**

- Visits exceed budget by 3.1% (7.2% including Gastroenterology Clinic).
- Visit opportunities have been identified in ENT, general surgery, and family practice.
- General surgery volumes are increasing; locum use expected to cease in April when a surgeon returns from FMLA
- In Radiology CT redundancy has improved volumes and patient access
- Echogram/cardiology tests have increased.

### **Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy**

- First baby of 2026 recognized; social media reach exceeded 40,000.
- MDH served as WIU basketball game sponsor.
- Compliance small-group audit sessions ongoing.
- Required signage posted regarding patient rights with law enforcement/ICE has been implemented.
- Sports Performance Center at N. Lafayette is now open
  - Growth and expansion of programs and hours.
- MDH completed more than 120 biometric screenings for Macomb Schools employees.
- Media updates included the coverage on MDH by WGEM and Community News Brief.

- MDH sponsorship of local sports facility planning continues; with the intention to secure exclusive healthcare presence should the initiative come to pass.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Administrative Committee – Dan O’Neill**
  - No meeting was held in December.
  - Dan noted how easy it was with the transfer of his script at the MDH Pharmacy.
- **Employee Relations – Wanda Foster and Kathy Neumann** – Wanda reporting
  - Recent meeting held; the committee shared constructive concerns regarding finances.
  - Process for patient surveys was discussed
  - Next meeting scheduled for April unless issues arise sooner.
- **Finance Committee – Ryan Riggins**
  - Recent meeting held with Bill Murdock and Sherri Hitchcock
    - Days cash on hand
    - ERC funds expected to improve cash position.
    - Debt service coverage remains below covenant.
    - Locum elimination in surgery expected to reduce expenses.
    - City and county officials are supportive of ambulance service improvements but not contributing financially.
  - On behalf of Finance Committee, Ryan will provide monthly updates even when no meeting occurs.
- **Nominating Committee Report – Kathy Neumann and JoEllen Pensinger**
  - Jere Greuel, board chairman, announced the intention not to run for office again due to health issues but will continue serving and supporting the organization.
  - The memo from the nominating committee for the slate of officers for calendar year 2026 was read.
  - There were no nominations from the floor.

**A motion was made by Dr. Farr and seconded by Seth Minter to approve the recommendations of the following officers for the 2026 calendar year. Dan O’Neill, Chairman, JoEllen Pensinger, Vice Chair, and Ryan Riggins, Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.**

Jere turned over the meeting to the new Chair, Dan O’Neill. Dan thanked the group for their support

### **Old Business**

No old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

No new business to discuss.

### **Executive Session**

Nothing to discuss in executive session.

**At 6:25 p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jere Greuel and seconded by Dave Garner to adjourn. Motion carried.**

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Ryan Riggins  
Secretary / Treasurer MDH Board of Directors