



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 27, 2026 4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenifer Shassetz, Ron Mischke, Kevin Kessner, Anthony Spiegelberg, and Richard Garber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tobie Alsup and Rob Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike McCafferty, Dr. Megan Ratterman, Dr. Sierra Gross, Nathan Stutte, Joe Wright, Cathy Bealer, Cody Sinclair, Tommi Ritterbusch, Kristen Czaban, Sherrie Reish, Tenille Straley, Ann Aksamit, Laura, Bryan Opitz, Sean Bonnet, Grace Stump, Carol Gregory, Austin Tromble, Sharon Krueger, Megan Ripley, Liz Dearcorn, Brent Maurhoff, Amy Ligocki, Korissa Duff, Brendon Kerns, Ashley Phipps, Kelly Lieb, Casi Morgareidge, Jennifer Gaona, Commissioner Nick Siddle, Kevin Koile with Sheridan Media, and Weston Pope with the Sheridan Press

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jenifer Shassetz, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS

Kelly Lieb introduces community member Laura Adams, the current chair of the VOICE (voicing opportunities for improvement, collaboration and engagement). Laura is a Wyoming native from Riverton who retired from her career at Stanford Cancer Institute. She was instrumental with an advisory council and held a leadership role in patient care.

Kelly also introduces Sherrie Reish and Amy Ruble. Sherrie rejoins the hospital in her new role as the Director of Nursing for the TCU and long term care facility teams. Sherrie is happy to be back and has a great vision for the Green House. Amy is with Aris, a nursing home consulting firm, to help firm up our nursing home operations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Anthony Spiegelberg motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Kevin Kessner seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Anthony Spiegelberg moves to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on April 22, 2026 as presented. Richard Garber seconds the motion. Motion passes.

QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Tommi Ritterbusch, Director of Quality and Specialty Services reports that the committee reviewed policies, procedures, forms and attachments, organ and tissue donation statistics, data relevant to medication adverse events, reported medication errors, restraint and seclusion, inpatient and outpatient falls, visitor falls, chart-abstracted severe sepsis/septic shock measures, patient care service contracts, avoidable days, 30-day readmission rates, and patient safety. The HSOPS survey saw improvement in the four areas of long term care, medical offices, Home Care/Hospice and the hospital since it was last taken in the fall of 2024.

Mike requests that Kelly join Tommi, as the two have large leadership roles at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in the area of patient care, outcomes, and experiences. Over the last decade, SMH has been recognized and named in the top 100 rural health hospitals in the United States. Over a number of years, we have been recognized with the top 20 designation as well. Tommi and Kelly attended a ceremony accepting the award on our behalf for the top 20 hospital recognition. Tommi states that seeing rural providers come together and to take part in the recognition was an honor, and solidifying the great job we do in caring for our community. Kelly states that there are eight composite scores that are looked at in how we care for our community; and our strategic priorities are in alignment

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with those composites. Wyoming had 3 top 20 hospitals recognized, the most out of 50 states.

PATIENT EXPERIENCE REPORT

Kelly Lieb, Director of Patient Care Continuum and Patient Experience reports that the committee heard reports and reviewed data relative to inpatient HCAHPS, specifically around restfulness of the patient. Communication and education around medications, cleanliness, discharge planning and a VOICE update from Laura Adams. Laura will provide a VOICE update in July as we work on the patient experience.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Ratterman presents to the board for their review and consideration a request to add telemedicine services and privileging request for Point of Care Electroencephalography (EEG). This is a new service to help detect seizures quickly and have the results interpreted remotely in patients through a telemedicine platform, partnering with Blue Skye Neurology Associates. Ron Mischke moves to approve as presented. Kevin Kessner seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Dr. Ratterman addressed credentialing matters in executive. On behalf of the Medical Executive Committee and Credentialing Committee, Dr. Ratterman presents the following for consideration.

MEDICAL STAFF INITIAL APPOINTMENTS (ACTION)

Name	Category	Specialty	Affiliated Organization
Saviour K. Achilike, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Baxter B. Allen, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Jessica L. Danison, DO	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Jordan K. Gould, DO	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Nicholas Henson, MD	Teleradiology/Delegated (No Membership)	Radiology	Real Radiology
Jamal F. Khattak, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Brielle M. Pagett, MPAS, PA-C	Advanced Practice Clinician - Physician Assistant	Medicine	SMH Heart Center

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MEDICAL STAFF RENEWALS (ACTION)

Name	Category	Specialty	Renewal Date	Affiliated Organization
David S. Henley, MD	Teleradiology/Delegated (No Membership)	Radiology	5/27/26	Real Radiology
Derek Redinger, DO	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Medicine	6/22/26	SMH Internal Medicine
Elisabeth M. Scalva, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	OBGYN	6/24/26	SMH Women's Clinic
Jarret Kuo, MD	Teleradiology/Delegated (No Membership)	Radiology	5/27/26	Real Radiology
Shawn T. Stone, MD	Teleradiology/Delegated (No Membership)	Radiology	5/27/26	Real Radiology

Kevin Kessner moved to approve the appointments and renewals as presented. Anthony Spiegelberg seconded the motion. Motion passes.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Recruitment Update – Mike McCafferty, CEO states that we have expanded our search for another hematologist/oncologist to join the WCC practice. Dr. Hellekson, will be joining Dr. Kinney in July 2026. Dr. Hellekson will provide adult psychiatry needs. Dr. Jay Ferrell, ENT will be joining SMH this fall. He is a fellowship trained head and neck surgeon and will be a great addition to the community and region.

Rural Health Transformation Fund Update - As many of you may have seen in the Wyoming Hospital Association newsletter that the State of Wyoming was awarded \$205 million for year 1. There is a meeting tomorrow with the State to get an idea of the parameters. The Wyoming Department of Health worked with the legislature within the grant on a long-term perpetuity investment fund, which was thrown out. The money is to be spent in year one. We need to determine how we work through the process for access across the State. We feel the focus should be on access to critical care, behavioral health, and assistance with infrastructure. We will see how the State identifies needs and Mike will report back to the board as we find out more details.

Critical Access Update – Community Forum – There will be a community forum in Ranchester at the Ranchester Town Hall tomorrow, May 28 at 5:30 pm relevant to our desire to obtain a critical access hospital designation. The board is welcome to attend if they would like. We will continue to offer other opportunities to attend another forum in the coming weeks. There have been good conversations and the team has done a great job in sharing information.

Behavioral Health Open House – There will be an open house on June 24 for the behavioral health unit. There will be tours with our major funders, the County and the Helmsley Trust. We are not ready to open the unit, as we are still waiting on furniture, and finalizing infrastructure with staffing and the EMR.

Master Planning – SMH has a lot on the horizon as it relates to our facility, potentially going to a critical access designation and utilization of the Sheridan Green House space. The opportunity to offer private, single occupancy

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rooms, and using existing resources, put SMH in a good position to grow without building a new structural footprint, while still maximizing flow. SMH is reviewing an agreement with Cushing Terrell around master planning for the facility and there will be an opportunity for the board to review and ask questions prior to the July board meeting, where a request to move forward will be brought forward.

FINANCE

Anthony Spiegelberg, Finance Chair states that as we near the fiscal year end, we have not hit our budget and the organization continues to track cash availability. We are in a challenging position but the teams are putting backups in place. Nathan indicated April results were reviewed. The operational improvement in operating loss is less than what was seen in March. There was stronger revenue growth and we continue to see improvement in the payer mix. The Welch Cancer Center saw increased drug costs, which contributed to the operating loss. SMH has applied for a critical access designation and the information is being reviewed by the State. May is projected to see a slowdown and higher losses for the month. The capital improvements for the month were focused on the EmPATH unit.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Richard Garber reports that the Foundation board reviewed and approved the 2027 budget, which is designed to meet the goals and needs of the hospital in the coming years. The Foundation board also fast tracked a request to replace 25 iPads for Hospice. Critical access designation questions brought forth by donors are being addressed with great discussion and no further concerns. Cody Sinclair states that June will be a busy time with an open house at the Green House on June 8, the Foundation Golf Tournament at the Powder Horn on June 22, and an open house for the behavioral health unit on June 24.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cody Sinclair, CDO reports that the behavioral health construction is complete. We are now awaiting furniture and the finalization of the electronic medical record. The Welch Cancer Center pharmacy project is wrapped up and testing of systems is being done today, with the hope to be fully operational in two weeks. The emergency department revitalization project is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 1. The project will be done in a phased approach to help lessen the impact on patient care and flow. The new project manager, Jason Frank is scheduled to start on Monday, June 1 as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ron Mischke motions to adjourn General Session to go into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. Anthony Spiegelberg seconded the motion. Motion passes.

General session reconvened at 4:47 p.m. to address medical staff credentialing. Please see above under the Medical Staff Report for action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters to come before the board, Jenifer Shassetz adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m. with no additional action taken.

Patty Forister, Recorder

Ron Mischke, Secretary