SHERIDAN
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenifer Shassetz**,** Ron Mischke, Kevin Kessner, Anthony Spiegelberg, Tobie Alsup, Rob Johnson and Richard Garber

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike McCafferty, Dr. Megan Ratterman, Dr. Sierra Gross, Nathan Stutte, Joe Wright, Cathy Bealer, Cody Sinclair, Tommi Ritterbusch, Kristen Czaban, Tenille Straley, Ann Aksamit, Bryan Opitz, Nina Custis, Brady Shoemaker, Jessica Kaminsky, Sean Bonnet, Austin Tromble, Sharon Krueger, Megan Ripley, Liz Dearcorn, Brent Maurhoff, Amy Ligocki, Stephanie Williams, Kelly Lieb, Jennifer Gaona, Holly Hofer, Hailey Dimitroff, Erin Oetken, 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

Jenifer Shassetz comments that the behavioral health open house this morning was impressive. Everyone associated with it is thanked for a wonderful event.

Jenifer states that she had an opportunity to attend the Wyoming Healthcare Policy Summit in Laramie hosted by the Wyoming Medical Society and Sheridan Memorial Hospital was well represented, with Dr. Schamber making the opening remarks and Mike sitting on a panel. The high point was the governor candidates in attendance and available for questions. This was very informative and would recommend the board members attend next year.

Mike states that the County Commissioners approved Jenifer Shassetz for another 5 year term sitting on our board, and newly appointed Carol Gregory. Commissioner Siddle states that Carol has a great background in healthcare and will bring a lot to this board. She is well spoken, very knowledgeable, and will fit right in with the existing trustees.

Mike thanks Commissioner Siddle for speaking at the behavioral health open house this morning with the major donors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Rob Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Anthony Spiegelberg seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Ron Mischke moves to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on May 27, 2026 as presented. Rob Johnson seconds the motion. Motion passes.

QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Tommi Ritterbusch, Director of Quality and Specialty Services reports that the committee had a robust meeting and reviewed policies, and reviewed and approved the annual plan for MRI Safety, the Quality and Patient Safety Plan, and the Infection Prevention Plan for 2026. Other data reviewed was relevant to blood culture contamination, blood transfusion compliance rates, rapid responses and code blue reporting, door to balloon, medical record delinquency rates, staffing issues and nursing fatigue, workplace violence reports, healthcare acquired infections, tracer activity and patient safety. There are no red flags or negative trends to report.

PATIENT EXPERIENCE REPORT

Kelly Lieb, Director of Patient Care Continuum and Patient Experience reports that the committee heard reports and reviewed data relative to interventional radiology, outpatient surgery, patient access, home care and employee engagement. Great work with major outcomes are being seen.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Ratterman addressed credentialing matters in executive session. 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
Chalita Atallah, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology - EEG	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Christopher Hellekson, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Psychiatry	SMH Behavioral Health
William Law, LMHC, LPCC	Non-Member LIP - Mental Health Consult (Psych,Mental Health)	Mental Health Counselor	SMH Behavior Health
Steve Rabon, DPM	Non-Member LIP - Podiatrist	Podiatry	Private Practice
Ala Saleh, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology - EEG	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Heidi Smith, NP	Locum Tenens	Oncology	SMH Welch Cancer Center
Steven Smith, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology -EEG	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Palak Parikh, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology - EEG	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Lionel Thomas, DO	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology - EEG	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint

MEDICAL STAFF RENEWALS (ACTION)

Name	Category	Specialty	Renewal Date	Affiliated Organization
Scott Bateman, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	ENT	6/28/26	Sheridan Ear Nose & Throat
Michael Brennan, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Cardiology	6/28/26	SMH Heart Center
Rebecca Franklund, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	OBGYN	6/26/26	SMH Women's Clinic
Luke A. Goddard, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Not Admit	Emergency Medicine	6/26/26	SMH Emergency Department
Christopher Goulet, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Radiation Oncology	6/26/26	Billings Clinic
Resha Gokaldas, MD	Telemedicine/Delegated (No Membership)	Neurology - Stroke	6/26/26	Blue Skye Neurology, a Division of CarePoint
Kyung Nam Kim, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Hematology/ Oncology	7/24/26	SMH Welch

Barry E. Mangus, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	General Surgery	6/27/26	SMH Big Horn Surgical
Brian Menkhaus, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Not Admit	Pathology	6/29/26	Sheridan Pathology Associates
David Nickerson, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Not Admit	Urgent Care / Emergency Medicine	6/26/26	SMH SameDay Health & Imaging
Anthony Quinn, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Orthopedic Surgery	7/26/26	Sheridan Surgical Center
Amber C. Robbins, MD	Consulting -No Admit w/o Active Physician cosign	Dermatology	7/01/26	Robbins Dermatology
Kristen L. Schaefer, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Not Admit	Anesthesiology	6/26/26	SMH Anesthesiology
William Taylor, MD	Active Staff w Priv - May Not Admit	Diag/Interventional Radiology	6/26/26	SMH Radiology
Abigail Turnbough, DO	Active Staff w Priv - May Admit	Rheumatology	6/26/26	SMH Rheumatology Clinic

Rob Johnson moved to approve the appointments and renewals as presented. Ron Mischke seconded the motion. Motion passes.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Rural Health Transformation Fund Update – Mike has attended multiple meetings with the director and vice director of the department of health relevant to processes and timelines. The SMH team is working on all area to apply for, and maximize our grant applications for all opportunities that exist. The application window closes the end of July, and the process should be fairly easy and on-line. The applications will be scored based on criteria. However there are many unknowns at this time. Funds have to be obligated (awarded) by 10.31.26 and spent by October of 2027. SMH is pushing for answers on questions that are important and there is a narrow thought process on some of the fund categories that will not fit all hospitals in the state. Our intentions are to be assertive in the areas that line up to receive the grant monies. The monies that the State of Wyoming was awarded is $205 million for year 1.

Master Planning – As was discussed last month, Mike is requesting board approval to engage with Cushing Terrell to provide a site and facility master plan as we identify needs within the hospital, such as an operating room expansion to a landlocked location. The contract with Cushing Terrell is approximately $100,000 ($103,000) to engage in the master planning process. The time frame for a deliverable from Cushing Terrell is approximately 6-9 months and there are no surveys needed. Anthony Spiegelberg moves to approve this engagement with Cushing Terrell. Ron Mischke seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Behavioral Health Open House – Mike extends his thanks to the Foundation staff for a fabulous job, along with the marketing team, Corwin and Brad on the grounds keeping for putting this event together today. We have an amazing group of people doing great work to have this event go off seamlessly. We recognize Jordan Lentz as well for his involvement throughout the construction process of the new behavioral health unit. It is pretty evident that we have the community's trust, and the trust and confidence of our funders to make an investment in a project such as this. Tommie Ritterbusch and Megan Ripley did an amazing job in touring the representatives from the Hemsley Trust through the Welch Cancer Center and being able to speak to the gifts made toward the center, the linear accelerator, infusion patient care, the people, great technology and to show off what we have. We are fortunate that we have tremendous representatives in every area of our hospital, reflecting the best of the hospital and the community.

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Critical Access Update – SMH did receive a letter from the Department of Health with their approval as a Critical Access Hospital designation. We will proceed with the steps needed for federal certification and state licensure for this designation.

FINANCE

Anthony Spiegelberg, Finance Chair states that as we near the fiscal year end in a couple of days, there is still work to be done and a meeting will be scheduled in July with the management team and the budget will be brought to the board at the July meeting. Based on the information and timing with proceeding with a critical access designation, we may need to borrow money to get us through the transition.

Nathan Stutte, CFO states that the state approval as a critical access designation happened quicker than anticipated and we will go through the licensure application with the State and the process with CMS. There is a gray area in how the federal government processes request changes, as some facilities have been approved in 60 days and some at 8 months. Nathan is layering in liquidity during the CMS transition and working through the process.

Nathan reports that the May data did see a drop in volumes across the organization. Ortho elective procedures are on track but there have been no trauma cases, which has resulted in a big impact. Additionally we saw a high proportion of Medicare patients.

Nathan indicates that the Welch Cancer Center CT price lock agreement is no longer an action item. This is to be informational only today as we have the ability to lock in pricing for the WCC CT at a later date and will be a part of the FY28 budget process.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Richard Garber states that he agrees with all of the great things mentioned relevant to the behavioral health open house today. There was a great turnout and everyone was very complimentary of what we are doing in Sheridan. The Foundation Annual meeting will be Monday, July 27 and the clinical scholarships will be presented. The foundation has three new board members joining their board.

Cody Sinclair, CDO extends his thanks to Mike and the team that show up and support the hospital. There is a lot of pride in bringing people into the organization, which is a reflection of leadership, and hiring really great people.

The Foundation golf tournament was a success and a fun day for all that participated. As Richard stated, there are three new board member to the Foundation with Dr. Fred Lounsberry, a retired physician joining, Tami Ofdahl, the Director of People at Kennon and Chance Harris, a partner at Harker Mellinger.

Cody invites the SMH to attend the annual meeting to recognize the clinical scholarships.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cody Sinclair, CDO reports that we are waiting on the final invoices for the behavioral health project, but in true Jordan fashion, we expect to be ahead of schedule and under budget. We are waiting on the final invoices for the WCC pharmacy project as well. The emergency department project is going well and we are on track and there was one change order approved at the building committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jenifer Shassetz acknowledges that this is Ron Mischke’ s final board meeting as his term expired and he is retiring from the board. She states that when she first joined our board, Ron and then board member Shirley Coulter were very impactful in her growth and development.

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Mike recaps Ron's time with us starting in 2006 – 2019 at which time he retired. During the 13 years he brought focus on important things like quality, shining a light on industry standards and benchmarks, which didn't exist 20 years ago, but now continues to this day. When he came back on the board in 2021 he wanted to have an impact on the patient experience and create an infrastructure around that in which we could measure and see our results. He has done a tremendous job in building a platform to get input from the community and measure outcomes in how we perform. There is no mystery in why SMH has been named in the Top 100 hospitals as it is due to the work done in quality and the patient experience that we have been able to achieve this recognition. Ron's leadership has been tremendous and will carry us forward.

Ron thanks every member of the board and states that we have good people that are engaged in doing their job. We have amazing people in the organization and that makes a difference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Kevin Kessner motions to adjourn General Session to go into Executive Session at 4:39 p.m. Rob Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

General session reconvened at 4:42 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 4:43 p.m. with no additional action taken.

Patty Forister, Recorder

I Rob Johnson, Secretary of the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, hereby affirm the accuracy of these June meeting minutes.