

Meeting	Board of Directors		
Date / Time	February 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Location	Blue Mountain Community College 251 Olson Rd, Boardman, OR 97818
Chair	Diane Kilkenny	Recorder	Sam Van Laer
Board Members	Present: Diane Kilkenny, John Murray, Stephen Munkers, Trista Seastone, Scott Ezell		
Attendees	Staff: Emily Roberts, Nicole Mahoney, Julie Baker, Sam Van Laer Guests: Troy Bundy, David Sykes, Matthew Jensen Press: Heppner-Gazette		

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Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Diane Kilkenny called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comments	The following individuals gave public comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Greenup • Greg Greenup • Jodi Ferguson • Raymond Akers • Will LePage
3. CEO Report & Dashboard - Emily Roberts	The CEO Report and Dashboard was presented by Emily Roberts (see Board packet). Roberts reported that the turnover rate is up and reflective of the current EMS situation. Roberts reported days in AR are inflated due to the change of electronic health record to Thrive and will continue with the upcoming change to Cerner. Roberts reported that the total visits are consistent and Boardman Immediate Care visits have increased. The third next available metric is very low, which is good. Roberts stated CAHPS scores are up and responses relative to the ER are also up and highly positive. It was noted that there is not enough pediatric volume to receive benchmark data for this category.
4. Financial Report - Nicole Mahoney	Nicole Mahoney presented the District’s monthly financials (see Board packet). Mahoney discussed the operating income statement shown for the previous seven months ending January 31 st . Mahoney reports that the month’s financials contain community service fees and no new assets.

<p>5. Consent Agenda A. EMS Stats – January 2024</p>	<p>Emily Roberts presented the Consent Agenda (see Board packet). Roberts reported that the statistics have rolled to the new year, but all previous statistics can be found on the District’s website. Response times remain excellent.</p> <p>MOTION: John Murray moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present.</p>
<p>6. New Business</p>	
<p>A. Morrow County ASA Request</p>	<p>David Sykes, Board of Commissioners Chair, and Matthew Jensen, County Administrator, were invited to present their requested agenda item. Jensen provided Board members with a different document than the County Administrator’s letter titled “RE: ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR ASA CONSIDERATION” that was originally submitted and included in the Board packet. Jensen reported the new agreement that the County would like the District to consider is a five year contract to provide EMS services to the northeastern and southern parts of the County while BFRD would serve Boardman. Jensen also provided BFRD’s “Proposal for the Provision of Ambulance Services Morrow County Draft Ambulance Service Area Plan,” and the Oregon Health Authority’s response to the County’s ASA submission.</p> <p>Jensen reported that he received OHA’s feedback on their ASA submission on February 22nd, however his delay in providing it to the District is because he received it late in the day on February 22nd, had meetings on February 23rd, and legal needed to review the feedback.</p> <p>David Sykes stated they would like the MCHD Board to accept the new agreement before March 12th as the County does not want to get an interim provider. Sykes stated they are seeking a five year contract for the whole county, except Boardman, and will reimburse MCHD up to \$1,000,000 each year.</p> <p>Diane Kilkenny questioned the “up to \$1,000,000” reimbursement language as this does not reflect the actual loss from EMS. Nicole Mahoney reported that the comps given to the County in MCHD’s proposal to cover all of Morrow County would not be reflective of the expenses for the County’s new request to only cover a portion. Mahoney stated the MCHD would need additional staff for the County’s proposed model because MCHD will no longer be able to rely on their cross-coverage model.</p> <p>Mathew Jensen reported that Boardman’s proposed staffing model is less expensive, but that MCHD has a better model to serve the South end of the county. Stephen Munkers stated that BFRD’s proposals have relied on CREZ money.</p> <p>Scott Ezell reported that BFRD has stated that the intergovernmental agreement for mutual aid is null and void and will not be providing mutual aid to Irrigon. Jensen stated that the new ASA is required to have a mutual aid agreement.</p>

Emily Roberts reported that entities cannot compel another EMS provider to respond to mutual aid agreements. Diane Kilkenny stated that there is no process in the proposed ASA for these issues. John Murray stated that there has not been faith in the enforcement actions for the ASA.

John Murray discussed the CDA property. Jensen stated that this area was not previously under an ASA, but that the freeway gives BFRD more access. Scott Ezell stated that Irrigon Fire has requested to receive part of this area. Murray states that the CDA area should be added to the NE ASA now, or else it will set a precedence for fire.

John Murray reported that having MCHD serving all areas except Boardman could lead Boardman to secede from the Health District removing tax base and against the voters' wishes. Jensen responded that MCHD should not worry about this because any succession from the Health District has to be ratified by the Board of Commissioners. Emily Roberts stated that Jensen's interpretation is not how the law reads.

Matthew Jensen stated that BFRD's proposal gives comparable service and is less expensive. Emily Roberts inquired as to why the County's logo was on BFRD's proposal. Roberts reported that the County has previously stated that they cannot enter into a long-term contract, but are now presenting a long-term contract for consideration. Roberts stated that MCHD has asked the County for their criteria on which they are evaluating proposals and their request for proposal (RFP) process, which has never been provided.

Matthew Jensen stated that when they do not have an ASA, they can get interim providers. The MCHD Board responded that they do, the 1998 plan. Sykes stated that they are not going to discuss the 1998 plan. Roberts questioned again that the County did not have a process in which they were evaluating proposals that they could share.

Nicole Mahoney reported the concern that the new ASA will have the County handling disputes as the Advisory Committee reports to the Board of Commissioners. Jensen stated that other counties operate this way and that Mahoney's comment is distracting since the ASA is not the topic of discussion. Emily Roberts stated that this is not a distraction as there is concern with not having an advisory committee of subject matter experts.

Nicole Mahoney reported that the District is not able to agree to a set reimbursement amount that does not take into consideration how expenses are calculated. Furthermore, the maps the County is using jeopardizes the District's cost based reimbursement.

Matthew Jensen reported that the District receives the 2 million levy for ambulance services. Nicole Mahoney stated that was incorrect, the District receives 1.2 million from the levy and it is for all District services, not just EMS. Jensen stated that BFRD is not incurring extra cost. The MCHD Board asked if BFRD had submitted a financial plan showing this. Jensen stated that they should be talking about the District's

	<p>plan. Diane Kilkenny stated that the District has asked for the criteria in which the County is evaluating proposals.</p>
<p>B. Adult Care Home – Lease Option</p>	<p>Emily Roberts discussed the District’s strategic plan to implement an adult care home in Boardman. Roberts reported that, next to the ambulance hall, there has been discussion of purchasing property and writing grant proposals for the build. The property owner is no longer interested in selling the land, but is willing to build the structure and lease it back to MCHD. This would be in a residentially zoned area as required by the program regulations. Roberts reports that a new build is advisable due to the ADA requirements needed. Roberts stated that the plan is to have seven bedrooms, all with bathrooms, for five patients and two staff.</p> <p>Emily Roberts reported that five patient beds is the maximum for an adult care home. Roberts stated that the smallest assisted living facility is sixteen beds, but the area does not support this volume, leaving the adult care home as a better fit. Roberts reported that adult care homes can also be implemented for special populations, such as hospice, as there is a state-wide need for these services.</p> <p>The Board agrees that Emily Roberts should pursue leasing options for the adult care home.</p>
<p>C. School-Based Health Center Contract</p>	<p>Emily Roberts presented the School-Based Health Center contract for renewal (see Board packet). The SBHC is a model that incorporates community partnerships and is very well accepted by the community.</p> <p>MOTION: John Murray made a motion to execute the SBHC contract. Stephen Munkers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present.</p>
<p>7. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 7:46 p.m. Diane Kilkenny called to order Executive Sessions under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from public inspection pertaining to ongoing or anticipated litigation exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.345(1). B. ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of a public employee who does not request an open hearing. <p>Kilkenny states that members of the news media may attend executive sessions, with limited exceptions. News media are instructed not to report about what happened in executive sessions. Kilkenny stated there will be a five minute recess. Executive Session began at 7:55 p.m.</p> <p>The Executive Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.</p>
<p>8. Open Session</p>	<p>At 9:20 p.m. Diane Kilkenny announced that the Board would move into back to Open Session.</p>

	<p>Trista Seastone read a statement from the MCHD Board regarding the Board of Commissioners’ proposal for MCHD to provide ambulance services to Irrigon and South end of the County only:</p> <p>“The Board cannot agree to this proposal for several reasons. Currently, Boardman and Irrigon provide significant cross coverage. Relying on mutual aid to cover Irrigon’s second out ambulance is not realistic. This is especially true in light of BFRD’s statement earlier today that they will no longer provide mutual aid for fire in Irrigon. In order to provide safe staffing, MCHD would need to staff both ambulances. Doing this for both Irrigon and Heppner would require a total of 33 EMS staff. This increases costs; right now the District staffs the entire County with 25 staff because each area is able to provide cross coverage. The County’s plan also does not adequately address the District’s cost base reimbursement and there is no guarantee this will remain in place with the new service areas.</p> <p>After March 12th, the District intends to provide Quick Response Team and backup ambulance support to the entire County with four fulltime staff and our large team of occasional part-time employees. MCHD will still be a safety net for every community.”</p> <p>MOTION: Trista Seastone moved that the MCHD Board reject the proposal submitted this evening by Morrow County. Stephen Munkers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present.</p>
<p>9. Adjourn</p>	<p>With no further business to come before the Board, regular session adjourned at 9:23 p.m.</p> <p>Minutes taken and submitted by Sam Van Laer. Approved March 25, 2024.</p>

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