

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026 | 6:45-8:30 PM | Conf C

Meeting Purpose: Overall JCHC Update

Leader: Merlin Miller

Facilitator: Bryan Hunger

Recorder: Nanette Everly

The Regular Meeting of the JCHC Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:45 PM by Merlin Miller, Chair.

Kali Watson, MedSurg Manager, gave the board a tour on the MedSurg unit while explaining services & updates..

Connect to Purpose – Brent explained his recent experience with hip surgery. Very impressed and so proud of the work we do. Everyone was great. It's amazing how everything works.

Mr. Miller asked for approval of the consent agenda and minutes from 1/5/26. Mr. Hanshaw moved to approve the agenda & minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment. There was no one in attendance.

Mr. Miller asked for the Medical Staff report. Dr. Curtis, Chief of Staff for 2026, reported on applications from Devon Rayasa, DO, Consulting (Hospitalist); Myles Mowery, DO, Consulting (vRad); and Francis Kigozi, MD, Consulting (vRad). A modification of privileges was explained for Shelbi Dexter, ARNP, AHP Staff, to change from Podiatry to Family Practice. She will be in our Ottumwa Clinic. Also, the reappointment extension for Tracy Liptak, LISW, AHP, has been completed and approved. Mrs. Greeson moved to approve the medical staff report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Brent explained the December 2025 and FY26 statistics and financials. There was a net income of (\$330,184) for the month and (\$983,111) for FY26. Debt Service Coverage is >4.000 and Days Cash on Hand is at 135.4. Showed slides of net operating performance including income statement and balance sheets. DPP payments should be starting back in March.

FY27 County Budget presented - Total taxes levied would be \$961,072. This will leave the levy amount basically the same at 0.85244/\$1,000, (rate last year was 0.89858) even though the county valuation increased. We will reduce the PICA and IPERS rates to offset the increase to keep the levy the same as FY26. Mrs. Greeson moved to allow the Finance Committee to publish the county budget as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bryan gave JCHC Updates:

- Disclosure form handed out to all board members for their annual completion & signature.
- Bylaws Annual approval - a copy of the Board Bylaws was sent with the agenda for review. Changes were highlighted from that copy. Bryan briefly explained the updates are open meetings laws, providing hybrid options for board attendance, and combining the Finance/HR committee into the Executive Committee to follow our current practice. Mrs. Parker moved to approve the updated JCHC Board Bylaws. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Strategic Planning is set for Wednesday, February 18, with the meal at 6 PM and program 6:30 PM. Defining Growth and Defining Optimization will be our focus over the next year. Board agrees on proceeding with these plans.

- Provider AI Documentation (Dragon Ambient eXperience - DAX Copilot) was explained by Tim Belec. Dr. Harris is our champion for this project. This program will help cut down on provider time for documentation. The device that is used during patient visits simply transmits the conversation of the visit to the patients EMR; it works like an automatic scribe. It is only saved on a server at UIHC not in a cloud. Positive provider feedback.
- JCHC Clinic – Ottumwa - Curtis gave an update including construction, pictures, staffing and that we have signed a 2nd ARNP. Sidewalk issue has been fixed. Flooring and punch list will be completed next week. Fire Marshall will be the last item. Have interviewed several staff from MercyOne. We are building a team that will work together and meet the qualifications we require.
- Lawsuit Update – JCHC has been dismissed and this was upheld during an appeal.
- Past couple months have had 2 physician specialists approach us about coming to JCHC. After review, we have made offers to both of them.
- Master Facility Plan update – INVISION Architecture of Des Moines will have a kick-off meeting tomorrow. They plan to interview all managers. We will give an update at each board meeting. They will be at the May board meeting to give the board their proposal.
- IHA Board Cert – The Governance Forum is March 10 at IHA. Reminder that our board meeting has been moved to the night before, March 9.

Mr. Miller Chair report – nothing this month.

Mr. Stever moved to adjourn the meeting into closed session for the quarterly QI report under Iowa Code Section 21.5.1(l). **Motion carried unanimously.**

After coming out of closed session, Mrs. Atwood moved to approve the QI Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Atwood moved to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Joneane Parker
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Participants:

Members present were Merlin Miller, Greg Hanshaw, Joneane Parker, Angie Atwood, Julie Greeson, Joe Stever and Alex Roth. Also present were Bryan Hunger, Brent Feickert, Curtis Smith, Tim Belec, Dr. Marovets, Nanette Everly.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 | Conf C | Meeting 6:30 PM | Meal 6 PM | Education 6:15 PM