

# Marion County Hospital District

## Board of Trustees Special Covid Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021 Rich Bianculli, Chairman

### **Call to Order**

Rich Bianculli called the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Covid meeting of the Marion County Hospital District Board of Trustees to order with a quorum present at 11:05 A.M.

### **Roll Call**

Upon roll call the following Board Members were present in office: Rich Bianculli, Ken Marino, Randy Klein

### **Board Members /Others Present on Web/Phone**

David Cope, and Sam McConnell

### **Board Members Absent**

Ram Vasudevan, Teresa Stephens

### **Others Present in Office**

Curt Bromund, Joe Hanratty, Debra Velez, Mike Harris, Preston Bowling (MCSO), Christy Jergens (DOH Marion), and Mark Lander (DOH Marion), Joseph Hanratty (MCHD Legal Counsel)

### **Public Comment (3 Minutes)**

None

## NEW Business

**COVID Relief:** Mark Lander with Department of Health and Preston Bowlin with MCSO presented the needs in the community regarding COVID. The following are deemed as necessary for the response to COVID in Marion:

### **Messaging for people to get COVID Vaccine:**

The importance of being vaccinated messaging is out there. However, there are not enough people getting the vaccine. Most of the individuals are getting vaccinated if they have a family member or friend who had COVID in critical condition or died. Kathy Bryant spoke on how there is bad literature and videos out there regarding the vaccine and the harm it can cause.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Mark Lander will provide a database of addresses to send mailers in areas with high concentration of COVID and low vaccines.
- MCHD will work with a marketing firm to create message and send out mailers. The message will include where to get vaccine and facts about getting the vaccine. It is suggested on using influencers in the targeted area. Ensure the messaging is in multiple languages.

**Monoclonal Therapy:**

Mark Landers reports the community needs to expand Monoclonal treatment in our community. Currently, it is primarily for people who have COVID or immune compromised, Monoclonal Treatment can save lives. There is a referral process with private practice physicians. Preston Bowlin also spoke on staffing issues people are having to get people monoclonal.

**ORMC** : They are maintaining and only have a few monoclonal treatment opportunities.

**ADVENT HEALTH:** They have the capacity to do 18 a day. Individuals are having to wait days with symptoms which increase likelihood their health has declined. Advent is also sending individuals to different counties for monoclonal treatment.

**HEART OF FLORIDA** is providing monoclonal treatment and can increase to 15 more individuals per a day.

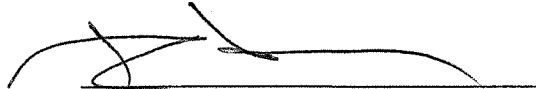
**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Curt Bromund will speak with Jamie Ulmer with Heart of Florida to increase capacity.
- Mark Lander is going to give Curt numbers of need in our community of people on waiting list with Advent and ORMC.
- Mark Lander and Curt Bromund will have conversations with Advent, ORMC, and Heart of Florida for monoclonal treatment.
- A pamphlet and website will be developed sharing all the places offering monoclonal treatment.

**There is funding that was designated for COVID Relief in 2020. Those funds were managed by the Community Foundation. There is approximately \$190,000 left of COVID Funding. Joe Hanratty reports this funding was already approved by the Board of Trustees, so no further approval is needed. Randy Klein confirmed no other approval is necessary for COVID funding at the Community Foundation.**

**OLD BUSINESS**  
None

There being no further business Rich Bianculli adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

  
Rich Bianculli, Chairman