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Meeting Location

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion
2609 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85008
3rd Floor, Board Room

RESULTS – General and Executive Session Meeting

**Maricopa County Special Health Care District
Board of Directors**

Mission Statement

The Valleywise Health's mission is to provide exceptional care, without exception, every patient, every time.

Welcome

The Board of Directors is the governing body for the Maricopa County Special Health Care District. Each member represents one of the five districts in Maricopa County. Members of the Board are public officials, elected by the voters of Maricopa County. The Board of Directors sets policy and the President & Chief Executive Officer, who is hired by the Board, directs staff to carry out the policies.

How Citizens Can Participate

Each meeting is open to the public and there is a "Call to the Public" at the beginning of each meeting. An individual may address the Board of Directors at this time or when the agenda item to be addressed is reached. If you wish to address the Board, please complete a Request to Speak form Speaker's Slip and deliver it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the Call to the Public. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Board and included in the official record, please hand it to the Clerk who will distribute the information to the Board members and Valleywise Health Senior Staff.

Speakers will be called in the order in which requests to speak are received. Your name will be called when the Call to the Public has been opened or when the Board reaches the agenda item which you wish to speak. As mandated by the Arizona Open Meeting Law, officials may not discuss items not on the agenda, but may direct staff to follow-up with the citizen.

Public Rules of Conduct

The Board Chair shall keep control of the meeting and require the speakers and audience to refrain from abusive or profane remarks, disruptive outbursts, applause, protests, or other conduct which disrupts or interferes with the orderly conduct of the business of the meeting. Personal attacks on Board members, staff, or members of the public are not allowed. It is inappropriate to utilize the Call to the Public or other agenda item for purposes of making political speeches, including threats of political action. Engaging in such conduct and failing to cease such conduct upon request of the Board Chair will be grounds for ending a speaker's time at the podium or for removal of any disruptive person from the meeting room, at the direction of the Board Chair.

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• 2609 East Roosevelt Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85008 •
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Wednesday, April 22, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Access to the meeting room will start at 12:50 p.m., 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

One or more members of the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District may be in attendance by technological means. Board members attending by technological means will be announced at the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), or any applicable and relevant state or federal law, the Board may vote to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney or attorneys on any matter listed on the agenda. The Board also may wish to discuss any items listed for Executive Session discussion in General Session, or the Board may wish to take action in General Session on any items listed for discussion in Executive Session. To do so, the Board will recess Executive Session on any particular item and reconvene General Session to discuss that item or to take action on such item.

Please silence any cell phone, computer, etc., to minimize disruption of the meeting.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

This is the time for the public to comment. The Board of Directors may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling a matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

ITEMS MAY BE DISCUSSED IN A DIFFERENT SEQUENCE

THE TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR EACH DISCUSSION ARE APPROXIMATE

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda: 5 min**
Note: Approval of contracts, minutes, IGA's, proclamations, etc. Any matter on the Consent Agenda will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed as a regular agenda item upon the request of any Board member.
 - a. **Minutes:**
 - i. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated March 23, 2026
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
 - ii. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated March 30, 2026
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

b. Contracts:

- i. **Approve** amendment #1 to the intergovernmental agreement (90-25-317-1-01) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, to provide AHCCCS with additional Non-Federal Share of funds in the amount of \$1,793,988.07 in order to receive supplemental Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for the benefit of Abrazo Central and West campuses. Between the additional Federal Match of \$3,527,780.16 and Valleywise Health's additional Non-Federal Share contribution of \$1,793,988.07, Abrazo will receive an additional allocation of \$5,321,768.23 for a total allocation of \$15,615,130.91 for services rendered from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- ii. **Approve** amendment #1 (MCO-25-012-01) to the Hospital Subcontract Services agreement between United HealthCare and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive healthcare services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- iii. **Approve** amendment #4 (90-14-063-1-04) to the Hospital Participation Agreement between Banner University Health Plans and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive healthcare services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- iv. **Approve** amendment #6 (90-14-062-1-06) to the Professional Participation Agreement between Banner University Health Plans and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive healthcare services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- v. **Approve** amendment #83 to the contract (480-90-18-012-83) between Kitchell Contractors, Inc. of Arizona, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for prime contract change orders (PCCO) 007, 003, 004, and 001 for a total cost of \$1,188,811
Warren Whitney, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer
- vi. **Approve** amendment #7 to the contract (90-17-083-1-07) between Progressive Management Systems and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for collection services
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- vii. **Approve** a new agreement (MCO-26-004-MSA) between Dignity Health and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive medical services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

c. Governance:

- i. **Approve** Board Resolution No. 2026-4-22-001, calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026, for two (2) vacancies of the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District caused by expiring terms for District Seats 3 and 4
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- ii. **Approve** the application of Steven Pettigrew for appointment to the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council
Michelle Barker, DHSc, Senior Vice President Ambulatory Services; and Chief Executive Officer Federally Qualified Health Centers
- iii. **Approve** the application of Maria Mancinas for appointment to the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council
Michelle Barker, DHSc, Senior Vice President Ambulatory Services; and Chief Executive Officer Federally Qualified Health Centers
- iv. **Approve** Board Policy Statement 99022 G – Finance - External Communications Relating to District Rate, Charge and Discount Setting Processes
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- v. **Approve** registration fee and mileage not to exceed rates allowable under applicable District practices and policies for Director Thomas to attend Arizona Public Health Association's From Crisis to Care: Improving Outcomes in Arizona's Behavioral Health System Conference, on May 1, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

d. Medical Staff:

- i. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Advanced Practice Clinician/Allied Health Professional Staff credentials for April 2026
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- ii. **Approve** revisions to the Registered Dietician Delineation of Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- iii. **Approve** revisions to the Department of Family and Community Medicine Delineation of Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- iv. **Approve** revisions to Department of Pediatrics (Emergency Medicine) Delineation of Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- v. **Approve** revisions to the Department of Psychiatry Delineation of Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff

e. Capital:

- i. **Approve** Capital Expenditure Request (CER) #26-467 for network buildout at a secondary data center (DC02) for a cost of \$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2026
Stephanie Hines, RN-BC, CHCIO, Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. Discuss, Review, and **Accept** the Maricopa County Special Health Care District, dba Valleywise Health, Uniform Guidance (UG) Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 **15 min**
Josh Richards, Principal, Plante Moran
Oliver Jurkovic, Partner, Plante Moran

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, DBA VALLEYWISE HEALTH, UNIFORM GUIDANCE (UG) AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025. VICE CHAIRMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. Discuss and Review External Audit Planning Process for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 **15 min**
Josh Richards, Principal, Plante Moran
Oliver Jurkovic, Partner, Plante Moran

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

4. Vizient Overview for Valleywise Health **15 min**
Chip Wise, Enterprise Partnership Principal, Vizient
Anna Lotakov, Service Delivery Executive, Vizient

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

5. Discussion and **Possible Action** on Valleywise Health's 2026 Legislative Agenda and/or the Maricopa County Special Health Care District's position regarding proposed State and Federal Legislative Items **15 min**
John MacDonald, Policy AZ, LLC

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

6. Discuss and Review Preliminary Patient Volumes and Capital Targets for Fiscal Year 2027 **10 min**
Matthew Meier, MBA, Vice President, Financial Services

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

7. Discuss and Review Employee Benefits; **Authorize** Staff to Negotiate Contracts and Bring Back for Board Approval **15 min**
Deb Sunman, SPHR, MSHR, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONTRACTS AND BRING BACK FOR BOARD APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

8. Reports to the Board of Directors: 5 min
 - a. Semi-annual Marketing and Communications Report
Ana Pereira, Vice President, Marketing and Communications
 - b. Annual District-Wide Risk Management Program Report
Dale Schultz, Director of Risk Management

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

9. Closing Comments 5 min – No Handout
 - a. Chairman and Board Members
 - b. President and Chief Executive Officer Summary of Current Events

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO RECESS GENERAL SESSION AND CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:21 P.M. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Executive Session:

- E-1 Legal Advice; Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection; Contracts Subject to Negotiations; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)¹ and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4): Agreements between Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, and District Medical Group, Inc. (DMG) 25 min

¹ Exemptions based upon A.R.S. § 48-5541.01(M)(4) (c) including records or other matters, the disclosure of which would cause demonstrable and material harm and would place the district at a competitive disadvantage in the marketplace.

- E-2 Legal Advice; Pending or Contemplated Litigation; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4): Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, Claim Number MM204605041700 30 min

- E-3 Legal Advice; Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)¹: Valleywise Health Medical Staff Credentials 10 min

¹ Exemptions based upon, utilization review records and information per A.R.S. § 36-441 et. seq. Peer review, professional practice, quality assurance/improvement records and information per A.R.S. § 36-445 et. seq. Health care entity quality assurance activities, records and information per A.R.S. § 36-2401 et. seq. AHCCCS Review Committee, Confidentiality per A.R.S. § 36-2917.

Recess Executive Session and Reconvene in General Session

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:

10. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Medical Staff credentials for April 2026 5 min
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVED TO APPROVE VALLEYWISE HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALS FOR APRIL 2026. DIRECTOR THOMAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Adjourn

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 22, 2026 MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.