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Melanie Talbot

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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• Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion •
• 2609 East Roosevelt Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85008 •
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Tuesday, November 25, 2025
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

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 October 22, 2025
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
 - b. Contracts:
 - i. **Approve** a new agreement (90-26-106-1) between Vitalant and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for blood product services
Jo-el Detzel, MSHA, RRT, Vice President Clinical Ancillary Services

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

b. Contracts, cont.:

- ii. **Approve** a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA)(90-26-121-1) between Arizona Health Care Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the transfer \$33,905,831.70 of public funds for use as the Non-Federal Share of the Medicaid payment due under this Agreement for graduate medical education (GME) programs, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for the following GME programs; Abrazo Arrowhead (\$3,394,919.06); Abrazo Central (\$926,510.69); Abrazo West (\$2,735,459.82); Canyon Vista Medical Center (\$1,260,591.47); and Valleywise Health Medical Center (\$25,588,350.66), for a total benefit of \$100,372,503.57
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- iii. **Approve** a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA)(90-26-127-1) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the transfer of \$500,000 in public funds for use as the Non-Federal Share of the Medicaid payment under this Agreement for graduate medical education (GME) programs, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for the benefit to Phoenix Children's Hospital of \$1,480,165.78
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- iv. **Approve** amendment #3 to the group participation agreement (MCO-20-009-03) between United Behavioral Health Inc and Maricopa County Special Health Care District, dba Valleywise Health, allowing Medicare Advantage members to receive comprehensive healthcare services through Valleywise Health's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- v. **Approve** a new facility participation agreement (MCO-25-011-MSA) 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
- vi. **Approve** a new medical group agreement (MCO-25-012-MSA) 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
- vii. **Approve** amendment #8 to the accountable care organizational agreement (MCO-20-039-08) between UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for quality-based incentive program participation
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- viii. **Approve** amendment #9 to the accountable care organizational agreement (MCO-20-039-09) between UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for quality-based incentive program participation
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- ix. **Approve** new agreement (MCO-25-013-MSA) between Aetna Network Services and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health for the provision of comprehensive dental services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

b. Contracts, cont.:

- x. **Approve** addendum A to the dental provider agreement (MCO-20-035-ADD-A) between Liberty Dental and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, allowing Medicaid members to receive dental services through Valleywise Health's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- xi. **Approve** amendment #1 to the agreement (90-24-025-1-01) between Mission Linen Supply and Uniform Service and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health for linen rental at Valleywise Health facilities
Lia Christiansen, MBC, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer
- xii. **Approve** amendment #2 to the contract (90-21-043-1-02) between First Class Valet dba FC Health (FC Health) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, to extend the contract for an additional two (2) years and add services
Lia Christiansen, MBC, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer
- xiii. **Approve** amendment #1 to the intergovernmental agreement (90-25-174-1-01) between Office of the Governor of the State of Arizona (GVA) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, to replace Section IV. Manner of Financing to the reproductive healthcare initiatives. **Authorize** Valleywise Health's President & Chief Executive Officer to execute amendment
Michael D. White, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer

c. Governance:

- i. **Approve** revisions of the following Board policy and form:
 - a. Policy 99300 G – Call to the Public – Addressing the Board of Directors at a Meeting
 - b. Form 45556 – Board of Directors Request to Speak Form and Procedure
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- ii. **Approve** affidavits appointing Dustin Bui, DO, and Kate Gillpatrick, DO, as Deputy Medical Directors in the Department of Psychiatry
Michael D. White, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer
- iii. **Approve** insurance premium payments and policy renewals for the following Maricopa County Special Health Care District insurance providers:
 - COPIC / MedPro / Arch / Cap Specialty / MedPro / Sompco (Hospital Liability)
 - Sentry (Workers' Compensation and Auto Liability & Physical Damage)
 - Beazley (Directors' & Officers/ Employment Practices and Fiduciary)
 - RSUI (Excess Director's & Officers Liability / Employment Practices Liability)
 - WR Berkley (Excess Employment Practices Liability)
 - RLI (Excess Director's & Officers / Employment Practices Liability)
 - Beazley (Crime)
 - Beazley (Security-Privacy)
 - ACE (Helipad / Non-Owned Aircraft Liability)
 - Ironshore (Environmental Liability)*Ijana M. Harris, JD, Chief Legal Officer*

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

d. Medical Staff:

- i. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Medical Staff credentials for November 2025
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- ii. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Advanced Practice Clinician/Allied Health Professional Staff credentials for November 2025
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- iii. **Approve** revisions to the Department of Surgery - Nurse Practitioner Surgery Delineation of Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- iv. **Approve** revisions to the Department of Surgery - Physician Assistant Surgery Delineation of Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- v. **Approve** revisions to Policy 39021 – Practitioner Access to Confidential Files
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- vi. **Confirm** Paul Edwin Pugsley, MD, (Emergency Medicine), as Vice Chief of Staff (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027) – **No Handout**
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff
- vii. **Confirm** Joel Edward Barkley, MD, (Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health Care), Jeffrey James Miller, MD, (Internal Medicine), Megan Lynn McElhinny, MD, (Emergency Medicine), Shabnam Sood, MD, (Psychiatry), Michele Dee Kassmeier, PA-C, (Orthopedic Surgery), Stacey Elizabeth Klein, ACNP, (Internal Medicine), as Medical Executive Committee Members-at-Large (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027) – **No Handout**
Mark M. MacElwee, MD, Chief of Staff

e. Capital:

- i. **Approve** Capital Expenditure Request (CER) #26-201 for the design and construction of a new, temporary parking lot on the Roosevelt Campus for a cost of \$1,614,000
Lia Christiansen, MBC, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer

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

2. Discuss and Review Revisions to Valleywise Health's Sliding Fee Discount Schedule and Federally Qualified Health Centers Sliding Fee Discount Schedule **10 min**

Amanda De Los Reyes, MBA, CRCR, Vice President, Revenue Cycle

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

3. Discuss and Review the Quarterly Quality Report and Metrics Dashboard, including but not limited to Patient Safety and Patient Experience Scores **10 min**

Crystal Garcia, MBA/HCM, RN, Vice President, Specialty Services, Quality and Patient Safety

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

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

4. Discuss and Review Valleywise October 2025 Financials and Statistical Information 15 min
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

5. Consideration, Discussion, and **Possible Action** on the Performance Evaluation and Attainment of Performance Goals for Steve Purves, Valleywise Health's President & Chief Executive Officer, for Fiscal Year 2025 5 min
Board of Directors

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVED THAT BASED ON THE BOARD'S REVIEW OF STEVE PURVES'S PERFORMANCE FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT HE EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS. THE BOARD HAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT HE: MET THE MINIMUM TARGET SET BY THE BOARD FOR PART TWO OF THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE GOAL, AND MET THE MIDPOINT TARGET SET BY THE BOARD FOR THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT GOAL AND MET THE MAXIMUM TARGET SET BY THE BOARD FOR THE QUALITY AND SAFETY GOAL, PART ONE OF THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE GOAL, THE PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT GOAL, AND THE FINANCIAL GOAL. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

6. Consideration, Discussion, and **Possible Action** on the Performance Evaluation for Melanie Talbot, Maricopa County Special Health Care District's Chief Governance Officer and Clerk of the Board, for Fiscal Year 2025 5 min – No Handout
Board of Directors

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVE THAT BASED ON THE BOARD'S REVIEW OF MELANIE TALBOT'S PERFORMANCE FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT SHE MET EXPECTATIONS, AND THE CEO AND CHAIR WILL MEET WITH MELANIE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

7. Election of Officers for the Board of Directors 5 min
Board of Directors

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVED TO ELECT VIRGINIA L. KORTE AS CHAIR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025. DIRECTOR THOMAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVED TO ELECT EARL V. WILCOX AS VICE CHAIR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025. DIRECTOR THOMAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

8. Reports to the Board of Directors: 5 min
 - a. Quarterly Quality Management Council Meeting Minutes (August 2025)
Crystal Garcia, MBA/HCM, RN, Vice President, Specialty Services, Quality and Patient Safety

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

9. Discuss, Review and **Accept** the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 20 min
Oliver Jurkovic, Partner, Plante Moran
Josh Richards, Principal, Plante Moran

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

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

10. 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. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Executive Session:

- E-1 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: Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 20 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

Recess Executive Session and Reconvene in General Session

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:

Adjourn

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 25, 2025, MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.