TITLE: **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**
DATE/TIME: **June 30, 2026 at 7:00 AM**
LOCATION: **Valor Health Fernlee Conference Room and Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Valor Health Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Hoss White. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Board Member Attendance: Hoss White (Chair), David Little (Vice Chair), Dave Shaw, Judy Barbera, Earl DeFur, Ron Oberleitner, Angie Phillips, Kelsey Masaitis, Jason McIntosh, Jim England, Brad Turpen (CEO), Dr. Zachary Bastian (Med Staff President).

Staff and Guest Attendance: Michael Sokolowski (CFO), Matt Godfrey (Exec. Dir. of Physician Services), Kathy Prindle (Exec. Dir. of Clinical Services), Tahja Jensen, Victoria Mendoza (Executive Assistant/Med Staff Coordinator), Mike Cummings (HR Manager).

Absent: Shane Roe (Past Chair).

II. AGENDA AMENDMENTS – ACTION ITEM

III. STANDING AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of minutes
   - Quarterly Board Minutes 5/14/2026*
   - Finance 5/19/2026*
   - Board Minutes 5/26/2026*

MOTION: Judy Barbera moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes as presented. David Little seconded the motion. No objections, the motion passed.

B. Public Comments

1. No Public Comments.

C. Commissioner Update – *Earl DeFur*

1. General Update
   - The County continues preparations for the annual Budget.
   - Ongoing discussions regarding the gravel pits continue.
   - Earl will provide updates at the next meeting regarding Southwest District Health's opioid treatment initiatives.

D. Finance Committee – *Judy Barbera*

1. Committee Report
   - May financial statements were reviewed and approved at the last meeting.
   - Radiology and Nursing continue to experience staffing shortages, resulting in increased contract labor expenses.
   - The final FEMA payment was received in May, increasing the Non-Operating Revenue.
   - Michael provided the following organizational updates:
     - Angelina Speer, Materials Manager, has completed an extensive contract review, resulting in reduction in supply expenses.
     - The parking lot resealing and restriping is scheduled for August.
     - Lenny Layman, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Grant Writer, has joined Valor Health. He has extensive experience in emergency preparedness and grant writing and has already begun pursuing grant opportunities.
     - Katie Beevers, Revenue Cycle Manager, continues improving denial management and cash collections as staffing and workflows stabilize within the Business Office.

- Michael continues collaborating with Eriko and organizational leadership on the FY27 Operating Budget, which will be presented to the Board in July before submission for County approval in August.

2. Financial Statements (May)
    - Total Patient Revenue for May was $4.6M.
    - Volumes increased for Swing Bed, Imaging, and Sleep Lab compared to the previous month.
    - Overall clinic visits continue to trend above the previous year's average.

Discussion:
Ron asked about the status of the Rural Health Transformation Program application and whether the Board could support any initiatives. Michael reported that application materials for Valor Health's priority projects have not yet been opened; however, we are preparing the required documentation to allow timely submission once applications become available.

E. PICC Committee

1. **Committee Report**
    - PICC did not meet last month due to the CMS Survey and DNV Accreditation visit happening in back to back weeks.
    - A comprehensive review of this year's DNV survey findings and nonconformities will be presented at the next Board meeting.

F. Planning Committee – *Brad Turpen*

1. **Committee Report**
    - The Planning Committee will meet in July.
2. **Planning Committee Dashboard FY26***
    - This item was included in the Board packet for reference but not discussed in the meeting.
3. **Board Goals Dashboard FY26***
    - This item was included in the Board packet for reference but not discussed in the meeting.
4. **FY26 Strategic Plan Updates***
    - This item was included in the Board packet for reference but not discussed in the meeting.

G. Medical Staff – *Dr. Zachary Bastian*

1. Committee Reports
    - Several Diagnostic Radiology providers requested privileges through RealRadiology, a subcontractor of Gem State Radiology. Due to physician shortages experienced by Gem State Radiology over the past year, the additional radiologists are expected to improve imaging turnaround times.
2. June Medical Staff Highlights* *(reference only)*

H. Patient Care Services – Matt Godfrey

1. General Update
    - Matt
        - Dr. Taylor Rasmussen and Dr. Brigham Hardy continue progressing through onboarding and are expecting to begin practicing in mid-August.
        - Misty Martinez, Valor Health Family Medicine Clinic Manager, earned her Idaho Rural Health Clinic certification.
        - Implementation of Chronic Care Management, in partnership with CareHarmony, continues and is expected to enhance care coordination for patients with chronic conditions.
        - Executive Leadership is finalizing the Physical Therapy proforma to present to the Planning Committee in July and then to the Board for final approval.
        - Lisa Watson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will begin at the end of August.
        - Recruitment for a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner continues.

- Valor Health earned 1st Place for the Cherry Festival Float for the second year in a row this year.
- RVU increases continue for Pain Medicine, Orthopedics, and Family Medicine.
- Valor Health will host the annual free sports physical event on July 8 for local high school student-athletes.
- Physician documentation timeliness has significantly improved. No providers are currently delinquent under Valor Health policy.

- Kathy
  - Emergency Department and Acute Care continue to face nursing staffing challenges.
  - Following recent Joint Commission approval of safe staffing standards, Billie Osterhoudt, Acute Care Manager, is reviewing the guidance to determine the most appropriate staffing model for Valor Health inpatient unit.
  - The ZOLL unit is expected to arrive in July. Renee McDaniel is coordinating education and training.
  - The Life Flight training simulation with EMS has been successfully completed.
  - Delays continue with Billings Clinic regarding Level IV Trauma Designation coding, postponing associated reimbursement.
  - The first Tele-Oncology chemotherapy patient successfully completed treatment and participated in the traditional bell-ringing celebration.

Disussion: Hoss asked whether the AI documentation system has improved physician chart completion. Matt reported that providers have responded positively and documentation timeliness has improved.
Angie asked which patient acuity model is being utilized for staffing. Kathy explained that because Valor Health is critical access and provides highly integrated services, leadership is reviewing evidence-based staffing models from comparable organizations. Kathy and Billie Osterhoudt are meeting this week to finalize recommendations.
Ron asked about Emergency Department patient satisfaction scores, specifically the "Definitely Recommend" metric. Kathy explained that the scores remain strong compared to industry benchmarks, noting emergency departments frequently care for patients experiencing pain, stress, or unmet expectations.

I. Provider Privileging Approvals – ACTION ITEM

1. June Privileging Providers

MOTION: Hoss White recommended approval for the listed providers. Judy Barbera moved to approve the provider privileging for:

• Sumeet Bahl, MD	Michael Landis, MD	Trevor Lewis, MD
• Chad Barker, MD	Juan Lopez, MD	Veena Mathur, MD
• Aaron Benner, MD	Zachary Morrison, MD	Michael Murphy, MD
• Michael Stella, MD	Travis Petree, MD	David Casper, MD
• Poyan Rafiei, MD	Anthony Rowe, MD	Joon Kim, MD
• Eugene Chung, MD	Casey Shumberger, MD	Randall Snyder, MD
• Jason DiVito, DO	Jake Vrodoljak, MD	Jesse Winton, MD
• Akilan Gopal, MD	Bryan Suchecki, MD	Kathryn Cambron, MD
• Frank Welte, MD	Brian Zhu, MD	Alexander Harvin, MD
• Jeffrey Hebert, MD	Andrew Yen, MD	James Earl, MD
• Andrew Knoll, MD	Ian Landis, MD	Isaac Grabiel, DO
• Benjamin Howard, DO	Mohammed Quraishi, MD	Zachary Swenson, MD
• Samuel Douglass, MD	Nicholas Mills, MD	

Ron Oberleitner seconded the motion. No objections, all in favor. The motion carried.

J. Board of Trustees – *Hoss White*

1. General Update
   - Hoss commended Kathy's leadership during the recent CMS/EMTALA survey,

noting the team's successful performance despite her absence.

2. Other Upcoming Meetings
   - Medical Staff – Tuesday, July 7, 2026 (Angie Phillips)
   - PFAC CY26 Q3 – Thursday, July 16, 2026 (Ron Oberleitner)
3. Agenda Items – Submit by July 13.

K. Foundation Update – *Brad Turpen*

1. Foundation Update
   - The first Festival of Trees planning meeting was last month. The Committee is looking for additional community volunteers to help with this event.
   - The search for a venue for the Festival of Trees is still ongoing.

L. Administration

1. General Update
   - Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued for property, casualty, general, professional liability, and employee benefits insurance coverage.
   - Quality and Risk
     - Brad extended his gratitude to the team for their efforts during the recent DNV survey. Valor Health successfully demonstrated compliance with thousands of CMS Conditions of Participation, receiving only six findings during this year's survey.
     - Valor Health providers recently achieved preferred status in Blue Cross of Idaho's Value-Based Care Program, recognizing continued excellence in preventive care, cost, and care coordination.
   - Information Tech Systems
     - Brian Churchill, ITS Manager, continues to work on an AI governance policy to guide the appropriate use of artificial intelligence technologies.
   - Marketing
     - Executive Leadership approved the Kane Marketing Strategic Plan. The plan will be reviewed in detail during the next Planning Committee meeting. Priority initiatives include expanding Orthopedic and Sports Medicine marketing efforts and redesigning the organization's website.
   - Community
     - Valor Health sponsors opening day of the Cherry Festival each year. This year was very successful and is always a great opportunity to connect with the community.

Discussion: Jim commented that he enjoyed visiting the Valor Health booth during the Cherry Festival.
Jim also asked about the MCN document management dashboard. Brad explained that MCN is the organization's platform for managing policies, procedures, contracts, and related documents. Each document follows a scheduled review cycle to ensure compliance with current evidence and regulatory requirements. Brad acknowledged that maintaining timely reviews remains challenging because many revisions require management and executive approval while leaders balance operational responsibilities.

M. Valor Culture and Board Education

1. This item was discussed in Executive Session.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Executive Session – 8:24 a.m.

Hoss White moved to go into Executive Session per code Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) & (b), Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) – Records Exempt from Public Disclosure, and Idaho Code §74-206(1)(i) – Communicate with Risk Manager/Insurer regarding claims. Judy Barbera seconded the motion. All in favor, no objections, the motion carried.

Brad Turpen and Tahja Jensen, and Michael Sokolowski attended Executive Session as Ex-Officio non-voting members.

Roll Call:

In attendance

- ✓ Hoss White
- ✓ David Little
- ✓ Dave Shaw
- ✓ Judy Barbera
- ✓ Earl DeFur
- ✓ Angie Phillips
- ✓ Kelsey Masaitis
- ✓ Jim England
- ✓ Jason McIntosh
- ✓ Ron Oberleitner

Not Present

- Shane Roe

The Board left the Executive Session and regular session resumed at 8:59 a.m.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.