

Talking Points from KMHC Board Meeting 8/24/21

- FY22 KMHC Goals and Objectives were presented and approved at the July meeting.
 - Since the last board meeting, several employee Open Forums have been held to present, discuss, and answer questions about FY22 Goals.
 - In process of scheduling the next series of employee forums which will give a wrap-up summary of accomplishments in FY21.
 - Overall, FY21 was a very busy and challenging year (although successful), with a focus on adaptation to ever changing rules, state of the pandemic and healthcare in general.
- In addition to KMHC staff participating in a “Great Place to Work” Survey in June; KMHC medical providers took their own “Great Place to Practice Survey.”
 - KMHC had very favorable scores, the highest in the Munson Healthcare System.
- COVID-19 Update:
 - The spread of COVID and the delta variant, in particular, is increasing hospitalizations and deaths across the United States.
 - Emergency Departments and inpatient hospital units across our region are seeing extremely high (some historically high) volumes.
 - Kalkaska County is showing some favorable trends in rate of transmission and positivity rates lowering over the last couple weeks.
 - Munson has been working on retrofitting an additional unit to care for the recent increase in COVID inpatients.
 - Still waiting on full guidance for 3rd vaccines/booster shots for both Pfizer and Moderna. Some individuals with immunocompromised systems have already received.
 - We believe we can quickly ramp back up our systems for vaccine administration and will communicate through Facebook and to our townships once we have more information.
 - CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) announced on August 18th that Nursing Homes participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs will be required to have all staff vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to continue receiving federal funding for the programs. We are still waiting on guidance and implementation dates.
- Medical Staff Update:
 - KMHC is participating with Munson Healthcare in an optimization project aimed to enhance usability and processes in the Electronic Medical Records System.
- Actions/review to be taken at September Meeting:
 - None noted.