

## Talking Points from KMHC Board Meeting 3/22/22

- COVID-19 Pandemic Update:
  - Munson Healthcare, including KMHC, has moved to Pandemic Level Yellow.
  - This move signifies decreasing COVID cases and hospitalizations throughout the region.
  - While trends continue to move in a positive and welcome direction, it is still very important to remember testing and isolation protocols as well as staying up to date on all vaccines.
  
- Construction Update-Acute Care Pavilion:
  - A TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) Hearing was held on March 21<sup>st</sup> as a necessary step in issuing tax exempt bonds. Following the hearing, a letter has been filed with the Governor and is awaiting signature.
  - Significant progress has been made after approval at the January 2022 Board Meeting to move into the construction documentation phase of the project.
  - 85-90% of documentation is complete, and the construction team is currently reviewing costs and value-based engineering opportunities.
  - Cost estimate will be presented at the April Board meeting and will then go out to bid.
  
- Medical Staff Update:
  - Dr. Rachael Hume, family medicine provider, will be joining Kalkaska Medical Associates (KMA) in September.
  - With significant growth over the past several years, KMA continues to review its medical staff structure as well as recruitment opportunities with new providers.
  
- Health and Wellness Prioritization:
  - KMHC's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan Area of Focus #5 outlines Wellness and Chronic Disease Management.
  - Under the area of focus, the KMHC Board is to select and endorse one area of community health improvement to focus on over the next 3-5 years.
  - A compilation of health and wellness data from both the 2019-2022 Community Health Needs Assessment and 2021 County Health Rankings was reviewed and summarized.
  - From the two sources, 29 areas of health improvement were identified. Board members anonymously voted on their top 5 choices.
  - Results:
    - **#1** Heart disease
    - **#2/3** Adult Obesity and Cancer (tied)
    - **#4/5** Access to Mental Health Providers and Diabetes (tied)
  - A similar selection process will be administered with KMHC staff and medical providers, with the KMHC Board making the final decision after all results are calculated.

- KMHC Long-term Care Star Rating Update:
  - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services created the Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which you may want to ask questions.
  - The rating is comprised of 3 categories: health inspection, quality, and staffing.
  - KMHC's LTC has a long history of top ratings, often the highest in the region.
  - Due to a reporting error and complications with the IT submission of data, the current stars were decreased.
  - With the next report due to be released in May, it is anticipated KMHC's LTC will be back to a 4- or 5-star rating.
  
- Kaliseum Investigation Update:
  - KMHC received favorable proposals for Architecture/Engineering and Pre-Construction Management for restoration/remediation of the Kaliseum pool area.
  - These proposals were shared and discussed with County Commissioner representatives.
  - KMHC has encouraged the County to move forward with the pool area restoration project.
  - KMHC leadership anticipates an upcoming meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the aforementioned proposals and further project investigation.