I Jane Fevurly called the meeting to order.

II Public Comment: None.

III Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the December 6, 2016 Minutes.

CINDY MAUDE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; ELIZABETH SHEILS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

IV Review & Comment: LMH Strategic Plan: Chief Executive Officer at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Russ Johnson, and chairperson of the LMH Board of Trustees, Cindy Yulich, shared a presentation titled “Destination Health.” The presentation is a detailed plan and timeline of what the hospital is thinking of in regards to the future of healthcare and their mission. The plan started 3.5 months ago with a team of 25 people, including clinical physicians, line staff, middle management, senior level and 3 Trustees. The plan includes ideas for advancing and combining primary care with mental health care and creating lasting partnerships with organizations like Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center and Heartland Community Health Center.

V Consider for Action: Financials: Revenue was down in December. Program costs were up due to expenses for contracted medical staff, respite services for SED waiver clients and bad debt. All of the revenue loss occurred in the last 6 months of the year when State cuts were implemented. Our program cuts last year were $1M. Fee for service is less than budgeted due to the 4% Medicaid rate reduction and the elimination of the Health Home program, which ended in June 2016. Grants are over budget due to the arrangement with Heartland Community Health Center. Bad debt continues to be monitored closely. Several clients filed for bankruptcy and
balances had to be written off. Bert Nash has more clients that are not covered by insurance in comparison to colleagues around the State.

**STEVE GLASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIALS. LUCIA ORTH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.**

*CEO Report:* CEO finalists will be visiting Lawrence on March 12, 13 & 14, 2017. Governing and Endowment Board members are encouraged to attend dinner on March 12 and power point presentations made by each candidate the following two days. Various stakeholders will meet with candidates at private times. A town hall meeting will be held for invited guests.

The Lawrence City Auditor wrote a report on the cities mental health interaction. It helps layout how the city is looking at mental illness and the many ways in which we are involved.

The March Governing Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

*2016 Pioneer Award Nomination:* Bill Beedles was nominated as the 2016 recipient of the Pioneer Award.

**STEVE GLASS MOVED TO APPROVE THAT BILL BEEDLES BE AWARDED WITH THE 2016 PIONEER AWARD. CINDY MAUDE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.**

*2016 Lyn Smith Award:* Doug Stephens and Mike Treanor were nominated as recipients of the 2016 Lyn Smith Award.

**CINDY MAUDE MOVED TO APPROVE THAT DOUG STEPHENS AND MIKE TREANOR BE AWARDED WITH THE 2016 LYN SMITH AWARD. STEVE GLASS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Good Friend Nomination:* Kenny Click, owner of J&S Coffee, was nominated as a Good Friend of Bert Nash for replacing the coffee machine in the breakroom.

**BRAD BURNSIDE MOVED TO APPROVE THAT KENNY CLICK BE AWARDED WITH A GOOD FRIEND OF BERT NASH CERTIFICATE. REED DILLON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Updated Criteria/Policy:* Pioneer Award & Lyn Smith Award: Updates were made to the Pioneer and Lyn Smith awards criteria/policy. Nomination forms have been updated/created to distinctly match the corresponding policy.

**DAVID JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE UPDATES ON THE PIONEER AWARD AND LYN SMITH AWARD CRITERIA/POLICY. STEVE GLASS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.**
Benevon Renewal: Bert Nash is currently on the fifth year of its 5 year contract with Benevon. The contract is up at the beginning of 2018. If we renew within 60 days of the most recent workshop, we will receive a $10K tuition discount. A report was disbursed that outlined fundraising dollars received and operating expenses that have occurred since 2012. Benevon will allow Bert Nash to send the new Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer and various board members to a Benevon One-on-One this fall at no additional charge if we renew our contract. In early 2018, that same group will also attend the Advanced Sustainability workshop.

LUCIA ORTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ANOTHER 5 YEAR CONTRACT WITH BENEVON. ELIZABETH SHEILS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

VII Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next Governing Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017.