



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
Will Kappauf
David Dunn
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wallace Dunn, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Ector County Hospital District Board Room at Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL AND ECHD BOARD MEMBER ATTENDENCE/ABSENCES

Wallace Dunn called roll, all members were present except for Richard Herrera. His absence was unexcused.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wallace Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

V. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Kathy Rhodes presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. October 2023 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the October 2023 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Matthew Perez
- Non-Clinical – Cuca Franco
- Nurse – Gabriella Arroyo

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Net Promoter Score High Performer(s).

- Dr. Kalyan Chakrala
- Jackie Lehr, N.P.
- Special Procedures
- Occupational Medicine
- ProCare Orthopedics

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, October 24, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, September 2023**

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 4, FY 2023
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended September 30, 2023
4. Capital Planning Team - Update
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Trimedx Contract Renewal.
 - b. Consider Approval of Cepheid Pricing and Placement Agreement Renewal.

- c. Consider Approval of Abbott Point of Care iSTAT Pricing Agreement Renewal.
6. Consider Approval of Qualify Health LLC.
7. Consider Approval of IntraSight Mobile5 Intravascular Ultrasound Machine Purchase.
8. Consider Approval of EPIQ CVx Ultrasound System Purchase.
9. Consider Approval of HealthLinx Nursing Excellence Project Management (NEPM-Pathway & Magnet) Addendum.
10. Consider Approval of ECOLAB Pest Control Agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

There was no report given.

XII. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS

A. Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that the project is moving forward. The \$40 million has been encumbered.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer reported that the mandatory Workplace Violence Town Halls will be starting tomorrow at 10:00am, 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

LDI is scheduled for Monday, November 13th, 2023, over at Texas Tech. The Region has been invited to attend after lunch.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer reported that there will be an Active Shooter Disaster Drill on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

The Regional Services report was provided in the packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wallace Dunn stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving any of the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; and (2) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the amendment to Dr. Mayans On-call agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session. She was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about a Contracted Services issue.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about Cardiology compliance update.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the about the UHC negotiations.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board about the Bylaws Committee.

Executive Session began at 1:20 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 2:31 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreement(s).

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Jacqueline Battjes, N.P. – This a three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.
- Alma Hernandez, N.P. – This is a three (3) year Walk-In Clinic Contract.
- Kwei Akuete, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Hospitalist Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Nikolay Azarov, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of an Critical Care Contract.
- Narendra Sajja, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Lakshmi Alahari, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract
- Rizwan Asim, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Suhir Bare, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Domingo Caparas, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Sridhar Enuganti, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Ramcharitha Kandikatla, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Armugam Mekala, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Fouzia Tabasam, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.

- Harika Thummala, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Russell Schroeder, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Sanchita Yadalla, M.D. – This is an amendment to a OB/GYN Contract.
- Raymond Martinez, M.D. – This is an amendment to a OB/GYN Contract.

Will Kappauf moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of Amendment to On-Call Agreement

Wallace Dunn presented the following Amendment:

- Jose Mayans, M.D. – This an amendment to an On-Call Agreement to add Neonatal Eye Exams.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the Amendment to On-Call Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

C. Consider Approval of Compliance Update and Resolution

No action was taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors