



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Hallmark, President
Bryn Dodd, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Wallace Dunn
Ben Quiroz

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

OTHERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer
Linda Carpenter, Vice President Information Tech/CIO
Various other interested members of the Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:29 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. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Don Hallmark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. December 2020 Associate and Nurse of the Month

Russell Tippin introduced the December 2020 Associate and Nurse of the Month as follows:

- Cynthia Hernandez, Executive Assistant, Emergency Department
- Jodi Price, RN Charge, Infusion Services

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2020**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, November 24, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, October 2020**
- D. MCHS Compliance Program Reaffirmation and Compliance Committee Charter**
- E. TCDRS Annual Contribution Authorization**

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended October 31, 2020
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of IsoRx Texas, Ltd. Pricing Agreement Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Informatics, Inc./RALS Interface Renewal
 - c. Consider Approval of Morrison Agreement Renewal/Amendment
 - d. Consider Approval of COVID-19 Onetime Pay Adjustment
3. Consider Approval of Engagement Letter with Weaver
4. Consider Approval of Shimadzu Service Agreement
5. **Capital Expenditure Requests**
 - a. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase of Swisslog Healthcare TransLogic Pneumatic Tube System Upgrade/Modernization

- b. Consider Approval of BD Pyxis ES Anesthesia Cabinets
- c. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase Workstations on Wheels (WOWs) for COVID units
- d. Consider Approval of Versapulse power suite 60W Laser
- e. Consider Approval of Stryker TPX Small Bone Drill
- f. Consider Approval of BK5000 Ultrasound System
- g. Consider Approval of Cisco Fiber Channel (FC) Switch Replacement
- h. Consider Approval of End of Service Life (EOSL) Ethernet Switch Replacement

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Audit Committee

1. Update on Audit Plan
2. Update on Audit Pack examination from April 2020 and the Proposed 2020/2021 Project Plan

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Audit Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. QUALITY ASSURANCE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (QAPI)

Courtney Look and Kayla Barrington presented the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement plan.

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin provided a report on Medical Center Hospital and the response to the COVID-19 virus.

MCH currently has 92 patients inhouse, preparing for the after Thanksgiving rush. We are preparing with 20 additional beds on another unit. The one time pay adjustment was well received. Texas will be receiving 1 million doses of the vaccine, we are expecting to get the vaccine around the 15th of this month. MCH has had two drive thru COVID testing clinics. Out of the over 3,000 results there has been a 65% positivity rate.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

B. Ad-hoc Reports

1. Regional Services Update was provided.
2. Best in the Basin – Medical Center Hospital received the “Best in the Basin” award for Hospital, Emergency Department, Dr. Martinez - OB physician, and Nursing Staff.

3. MCH has contracted with Donna Boatright to help with our DNV plan review.
4. Corporal Rays Coffee will be furnishing coffee for staff.

These reports were for information only. No action was taken.

C. Ronald McDonald House Update

Russell Tippin reported that the Ronald McDonald House will be opening 1 room at a time, starting in December.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN

Dr. Gary Ventolini provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark 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) Deliberations 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 Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, Steve Ewing, Kerstin Connolly, and Michaela Johnson.

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding ProCare provider agreements during Executive Session then was excused.

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the compliance program annual report during Executive Session then was excused.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 6:20 pm.
Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Don Hallmark presented the following renewal/amendment:

- Alan Robinson, CRNA. This is an amendment for Anesthesia Agreement.
- Nick Azarov, M.D. This is an amendment for Critical Care Agreement.
- Alexander Bastidas-Palacios, M.D. This is an amendment for Critical Care Agreement.
- Krishana Ayyagari, M.D. This is an amendment for Critical Care Agreement.
- Johany Herrera, M.D. This is an amendment for Hospitalist Agreement.
- Ramcharita Kandikatla, M.D. This a 3 year renewal for Hospitalist Agreement.
- Pragnyadipta Mishara, M.D. This is a 3-year renewal for Anesthesia Agreement.

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreement:

- Sung Hwang, M.D. This is a 3-year agreement for Anesthesia.
- Khavar Dar, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.

Ben Quiroz moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the ProCare provider agreements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of MCH On-call Agreements

Don Hallmark presented the following on-call agreement:

- Dr. Abbie Schuster. This is a 1-year agreement for general surgery on-call.

Ben Quiroz moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the MCH On-call Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider Joint Venture

Don Hallmark presented the request to allow MCH to pursue a joint venture with Encompass Health.

Ben Quiroz moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to allow the joint venture as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District