



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Don Hallmark
Richard Herrera
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bryn Dodd, President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources
Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Gregory Shipkey, Interim Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wallace Dunn, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

David Dunn presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. CHECK PRESENTATION FROM FMH FOUNDATION

Joni Hines, Project Manager with FMH Foundation presented a \$250,000 check to the MCHS Foundation. Larry Melton, MCHS Foundation Member and Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development, accepted the donation. This donation will be used to further the Telecare program at Medical Center Hospital.

VI. EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN

Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development, reported that the Employee Giving Campaign has raised \$112,000.

VII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. December 2021 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the 2021 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Jeanette Galindo
- Non-Clinical – Lisa Russell
- Nurse – Alicia Smith-Furlow, RN

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Unit HCAHPS High Performer(s)

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VIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2021**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2021**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, November 30, 2021**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, October 2021**
- E. Consider Approval of MCHS Compliance Program Reaffirmation and Compliance Committee Charter**
- F. Consider Approval of TCDRS Annual Contribution Authorization**

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended October 31, 2021
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of the VMWare Software License Support Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of the Cisco SmartNet Hardware/Software Maintenance Support Renewal
 - c. Consider Approval of Vizient Utilization Management Support Agreement Renewal
 - d. Consider Approval of Gjerset & Lorenz LLP Waiver Engagement Agreement
3. Capital Expenditure Requests
 - a. Consider Ratification of Emergency Purchase of CER for ECHD Police Department Vehicles
 - b. Consider Approval of CER for Nihon Kohden Network Upgrade
4. Consider Approval of Cerner Patient Reminders
5. Consider Approval of HPIR LLC – CDI Consultant Services Agreement
6. Consider Approval of XSolis – Revenue Cycle Case Management Agreement
7. Consider Approval of Capital Expenditure 3-year Program

B. Executive Policy Committee

1. Policies reviewed and approved

Kathy Rhodes moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee and Executive Policy Committee reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTHUSC provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report. This report was for information only and no action was taken.

XIII. QUALITY UPDATE

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Patient Experience Officer, provide the Quality Update, including the new CMS Star Rating.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the numbers for hospital admissions are up a little from previous numbers. Dr. Shipkey stated that there have been less COVID admissions from last week.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Update of Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center

Russell Tippin reported that the first organizational meeting was held. There was discussion at the meeting about changing each hospital's foundation bylaws.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Update on the Redistricting Joint Task Force Committee

The first meeting of the task force was held last week. Don Hallmark, Board Member and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, also attended. ECHD will probably share the same boundaries as Odessa College.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Update on CMS Vaccine Mandate and Policy

The current CMS Vaccine Mandate has been stayed by the court. The policy in place has deadlines that have already passed.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to delete or rescind COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Policy, MCH Policy MCH-1016. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Agreement with the City of Odessa regarding ARPA Funds

The agreement with the City of Odessa to provide ECHD with ARPA funds includes a reimbursement clause and is ready to be executed.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the agreement with the City of Odessa as presented and have Mr. Tippin sign the agreement. The motion carried.

F. Ad-hoc Reports

The new Chief Medical Officer was scheduled to start on January 1, 2022, she requested to extend her start date by 6 months. Her request was declined, and the search for a CMO has resumed.

Letters will be going out to physician offices and EMS regarding the January 2022 change to their access to our EMR.

Last week there was a meeting with the retiree group. The purpose of the meeting was to provide them with communication opportunities. It was shared that some retirees would like to return to work at MCH.

The plan is to open up surgeries at the Wheatley Stewart Medical Pavilion and to not close surgeries again, no matter what happens with COVID-19.

The Regional Services Report was provided.

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

XV. 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 the Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberation regarding exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations, pursuant to Section 551.087.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Richard Herrera, Wallace Dunn, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, presented the compliance update to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused.

Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager, reported to the ECHD Board of Directors the risk update and the culture of safety survey during Executive Session and then was excused.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the Board of Directors in discussion about the Nacero Agreement.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH lease agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Matt Collins and Russell Tippin led the Board of Directors in discussion about facility planning.

Executive Session began at 6:07 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

XVI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH Lease Agreement(s)

Wallace Dunn presented the following MCH Lease Agreements for approval:

- Dr. Pankaj Patel This is a 3-year lease agreement at 8050 Hwy 191, Suite 203, Odessa, Texas.
- Dr. Khavar Dar. This is a 1-year lease agreement at 540 W. 5th Street, Suite 340, Odessa, Texas.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH Lease Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Abdul Alahavem, M.D. This is a 3-year agreement for Vascular Surgery.
- Steve Irving, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care nocturnal on-call.
- Alexander Bastidas, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care on-call.
- Adelina Saldivar, N.P. This is a 3-year agreement for the Hospitalist Group.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Janie Lopez, PA – This is a 3-year renewal for Cardiology.
- Reyna Barrera, PA – This is a 3-year renewal for Cardiology.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Valerie Drnovsek, M.D. This is an amendment to a Radiology Agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

C. Consider Approval of the Nacero Agreement

Wallace Dunn presented the Nacero Agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Nacero Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District