

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don Hallmark, Vice President  
Bryn Dodd  
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez  
David Dunn  
Will Kappauf  
Kathy Rhodes  
Wallace Dunn, President via TEAMS

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Nimat Alam, 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**

Don Hallmark, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES**

Don Hallmark called roll, and everyone was present.

**III. INVOCATION**

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Don Hallmark 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. Letter of Support**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Dr. Devi Priya Suravajjala with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

### **B. June 2025 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the June 2025 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Bronte Reed-Jackson
- Non-Clinical – Heaven Hunt
- Nurse – Nova Robinson

### **C. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

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

- Dr. Avelino Garcia
- Jackie Lehr, NP
- Cath Lab

## **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, May 6, 2025**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2025**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, May 27, 2025**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, April 2025**

Don Hallmark moved, and Bryn Dodd 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. Financial Report for Month Ended April 30, 2025.
2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider Approval of Xsolis Contract Renewal.
  - b. Consider Approval of Amendment to Statement of Work for Vizient Clinical Database Services.
3. Consider Approval of NovaRad PACS Project.

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

#### **B. Executive Policy Committee**

Due to the ECHD Board Retreat, the Executive Policy Committee did not meet in person. Through email, they reviewed and approved eight (8) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

Bryn Dodd moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

### **XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT**

Dr. Brian Schroeder, Interim Regional Dean, provided an update on Texas Tech University Health Science Center. This report was informational only. No action was taken.

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

#### **A. Diabetes Digital Report**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, provided a report of the website traffic related to the diabetes clinic and an updated handout to the board members.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

#### **B. Update on Livestreaming and/or Recording Board Meetings**

Initial numbers indicate that it will cost approximately \$30,000 to update the Boardroom to allow for streaming/recording of the meetings.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

#### **C. Ad hoc Reports**

Included in the packet was the April/May 2025 CEO Report from Communications and Marketing.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

### **XIII. ECHD BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENT**

#### **A. President**

Don Hallmark nominated David Dunn for President. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. David Dunn was elected.

**B. Vice President**

Don Hallmark nominated Bryn Dodd for Vice President. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. Bryn Dodd was elected.

**C. Executive Committee Member**

David Dunn nominated Kathy Rhodes for Executive Committee Member. Don Hallmark seconded the nomination. Kathy Rhodes was elected.

**D. Secretary**

Kathy Rhodes nominated Will Kappauf for Secretary. David Dunn seconded the nomination. Will Kappauf was elected.

**XIV. 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, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Kathy Rhodes, Wallace Dunn (TEAMS) and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session. He was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreement.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, provide information for an upcoming visit by Governor Abbott.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the Beacon project.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions about the Energy-as-a Service opportunity.

**Executive Session began at 5:59 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:00 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

**XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.**

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Bien Baquirin, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.

- Nancy Bueno, N.P. – This is a new one (1) year Radiology Contract.

Don Hallmark presented the following amendments:

- Ramchander Chari, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Adrian Ramirez, N.P. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.

Don Hallmark presented the following renewal contracts:

- Robert Ramkissoo, PA – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Urgent Care Contract.
- Antonyos Mahfoud, M.D. - This is three (3) year renewal of a Critical Care Contract.

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

**B. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following amendment:

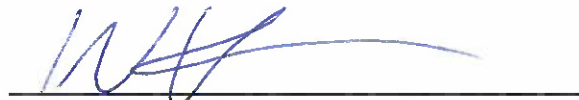
- Tim Gutierrez, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Trauma Contract.

David Dunn moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Will Kappauf, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors