



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bryn Dodd, President
Mary Lou Anderson
Richard Herrera
Don Hallmark
Kathy Rhodes
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wallace Dunn
David Dunn
- 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
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bryn Dodd, 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. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bryn Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Richard Herrera presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. August 2022 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the August 2022 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Maria Torres
- Non-Clinical – Sophie Pangan
- Nurse – David Cotter, RN

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

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

- ProCare Cardio - Crane, Andrews, Pecos, and MC
- Dr. Farber

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, July 7, 2022**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, July 26, 2022**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, June 2022**
- D. Consider Approval of *Updated* Annual ECHD Board Committee Appointments by Board President**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Richard Herrera 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 3, FY 2022
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended June 30, 2022
4. Capital Expenditure Budget Update
5. Consider Approval of R1 Amendment for CDI Management Services
6. Consider Ratification of Healthfuse Agreement

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

XI. COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan to the Board.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan as presented. The motion carried.

XII. UTILIZATION REVIEW PLAN

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the Utilization Review Plan for approval.

Richard Herrera moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Utilization Review Plan as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. NURSING WORKFORCE UPDATE

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the Nursing Workforce Update for approval.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Nursing Workforce Update as presented. The motion carried.

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

A. Review of Certified Property Values

Russell Tippin reported that there was a 13% increase in the property values, up to \$17 billion dollars. The tax rate for the Hospital will remain the same at \$0.15, no new revenue.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. CMO Search Update

Russel Tippin reported to the Board that Dr. Meredith Hulseley has accepted the position for Chief Medical Officer.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Charity Care Valuation

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, provided information from a Wall Street Journal article to the board about the levels of charity care that for-profit hospitals provide compared to not-for-profit hospital. MCH reported providing \$29 million dollars in one year.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ad hoc Report(s)

There are 18 Covid-19 patients in house today.

The THT Conference was in Fort Worth last week

An article in the Odessa American reports that MCH and MMH are moving and consolidating. MCH has been downtown for 75 years and no one at the Hospital or on the Board has the authority to move MCH – only the voters have that authority.

MCH was recipient of the OA Reader's Choice Award.

The Regional Services Report was provided.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

The Policy to consolidate the various Covid-19 polices was discussed.

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the consolidation of the Covid-19 policies. The motion carried.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bryn Dodd 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; (2) Deliberation Regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 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 and evaluation of officers and employees of Ector County Hospital District pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, Richard Herrera, Don Hallmark, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel 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.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented a property lease agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors, reported to the board about the Lincoln Ave Property and led the board in discussion about the Strategic Plan during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussion about the budget meetings in September during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion in modifying the CEO's agreement.

Executive Session began at 6:34 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m.

XVI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreements:

- Chineme Chima-Niewem, MPAS, PA-C – This a three (3) year agreement for a Pain Management Contract.
- Gaybrielle Marquez, FNP – This is a three (3) year Cardiology Contract.
- Genevieve Okafor, M.D.. – This is a three (3) year agreement for a Family Medicine Contract.
- Equity Anesthesia Staffing, LLC – This is three (3) year Anesthesia Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendments:

- Raymond Martinez, M.D. – This is an amendment to an OB/GYN Contract.
- Jackie Lehr, WHNP – This is an amendment to OB/GYN Contract.
- Mandeep Othee, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Pain Management Contract.
- Kalyan Chakrala, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Gastroenterology Contact.
- Elliana Wiesner, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- West Texas Ear, Nose, Throat & Sinus Institute – This is an amendment to the Lease Agreement.

Bryn Dodd presented the following renewal agreements:

- Jorge Alamo, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Family/Occ Med Contract.
- Christi Tucker, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Fouzia Tabasam, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of an Hospitalist Contract
- Sindhu Kaitha, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Gastroenterology Contract.

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

B. Consider Approval of MCH Property Lease Agreement

Bryn Dodd presented the following MCH Property Lease Agreement:

- West Texas Urology, PA – This is a one (1) year lease agreement.

Richard Herrera moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the MCH Property Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

C. Sale of MCH Property

This item was tabled. No action was taken.

D. Chief Executive Officer Agreement

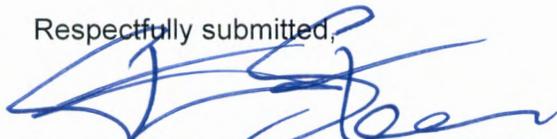
The \$250.00 monthly cell phone reimbursement expense will now be included in the annual salary figure.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to include the \$250.00 monthly amount for the cell phone expense in the annual salary figure. The motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Ector County Hospital District