



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, 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 5:32 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, and all members were present.

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. November 2024 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the November 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Virginia Williams
- Non-Clinical – Lina Lerma
- Nurse – Dylan Blackburn

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Dr. Jeffrey Freyder
- Dr. Jorge Alamo

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 1, 2024

B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, October 29, 2024

C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, September 2024

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 2024
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certificate
3. Financial Report for Month Ended September 30, 2024
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Texas Healthcare Linens Contract Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of UpToDate – LexiDrug Contract Renewal
 - c. Consider Approval of Everbridge Contract Renewal
 - d. Consider Approval of Elsevier Clinical Skills and Clinical Key Contract Renewal
 - e. Consider Approval of Shimadzu Service Agreement Renewal
 - f. Consider Approval of FairWarning Managed Service and License Agreement Renewal
5. Consider Approval of Roche Diagnostics Contract Amendment

6. Consider Approval of LS Point Engagement Letter

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

B. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on October 31, 2024 to review and approve eight (8) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented. To correct the minutes from last month, the committee approved nine (9) policies last month not four (4) as previously reported

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

C. Bylaws Committee

a. Consider Approval of Updated Bylaws

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the updated Bylaws as were provided to the Board. The motion carried.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report for information only. No action was taken.

XII. DNV SURVEY AND STATE SURVEY RESULTS

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that due to the hurricane in Florida the DNV surveyors were redirected to MCH for our survey. We have received their recommendations and will respond as required.

A State surveyor came to investigate 3 issues, all of which were closed and no issues to report. We are waiting for the official report.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

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

A. NICU Survey

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, reported that the NICU Designation survey was completed in mid-October. There were 3 findings, all related to paperwork and policies, not patient care.

B. Ector County Appraisal District – Director Elections

Wallace Dunn explained that ECHD has 260 votes to allocate to the ECAD Director Election and suggested that ECHD allocate all 260 votes to David Dunn.

Don Hallmark moved to allocate ECHD's 260 votes to David Dunn in the ECAD Board election, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, CEO, provided the following updates:

The EMR connection has been terminated, we have received 5 calls about access.

There is a nationwide IV Fluid shortage due to the hurricane disrupting a factory in North Carolina. The factory is now back online. MCH has 12 days of fluids on hand.

The Non-renewal notice has been sent to Humana Advantage.

Dr. Bose will be presenting about Desert Doc at the Chamber's I&D meeting.

The Regional Services Update report was provided in the board packet.

The Community Outreach Report was provided in the board packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XIV. 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; (2) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 and (3) 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, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement 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 the MCHS Lease Agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Chief Medical Officer position.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the Board in discussion about using PBHN funds to help with the EMR Access Integration.

Executive Session began at 6:05 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:52 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Benedict Novicio, CRNA– This a three (3) year Anesthesia Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Vijay Borra, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Orthopedics Contract.
- Sam Kim, M.D. - This is an amendment to a Internal Medicine Contract.
- Antonyos Mahfoud, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Critical Care Contract.
- Benedict Novicio, CRNA – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Jennie Wolfram, CRNA – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Marivic Salarda, CRNA – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Samsadeen Issah, CRNA – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Mary Jane Dunaway, CRNA – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Gonzalo Lievano, M.D. – This a three (3) year Urology Contract.
- Leonardo Zelaya Castillo, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Thomas Byrne, M.D. – This is a three (3) year OB/GYN (MFM) Contract.
- Sheharyar Merwat, M.D. – This is a two (2) year Gastroenterology Contract.

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

B. Consider Approval of MCHS Property Leases

Wallace Dunn presented the following MCHS Property Leases:

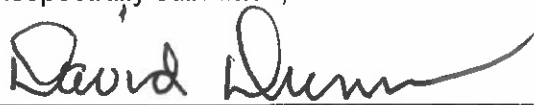
- MCH TraumaCare – This is a three (3) year property lease.
- MCH ProCare Infectious Disease – This is a three (3) year property lease.

Bryn Dodd moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the MCHS Property Leases as presented. The motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors