



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Hallmark, President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Wallace Dunn
Richard Herrera
Ben Quiroz
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryn Dodd, Vice President
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Abernethy, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Fernando Boccalandro, Chief of Staff
Dr. Donald Davenport, Vice Chief of Staff
Miles Nelson, Legal Counsel
Jan Ramos, ECHD Board Secretary
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, Employees, and Citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. INVOCATION

Chaplain Farrell Ard 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

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

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. August 2019 Associates of the Month

Robert Abernethy introduced the August 2019 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical: Rosekeanna Saiz, Phlebotomist, Lab Phlebotomy
- Non-Clinical: Gabi Kent, Accounts Payable Clerk, Financial Accounting
- Nurse: Francisco Gimenez, Clinical RN, 7 Central

B. July Patient Satisfaction Winners

The following units were recognized for their Net Promoter scores:

- Medical Practice: Family Health Clinic South Obstetrics, 100th Percentile
- Inpatient: 4 East Labor/Delivery/Postpartum, 74th Percentile
- Outpatient: Cardiac Rehabilitation, 100th Percentile

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into executive session for the governing board to deliberate the appointment/employment of a new President/Chief Executive Officer of the Ector County Hospital District pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, and any necessary consultation with attorney pursuant to 551.071 regarding any ancillary matters associated with the deliberation under 551.074.

The individuals present during Executive Session were Don Hallmark, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Richard Herrera, Ben Quiroz, Robert Abernethy, Miles Nelson, and Jan Ramos.

Executive Session began at 5:42 pm.
Executive Session ended at 6:20 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

VII. ECHD PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE OFFICER SEARCH/APPOINTMENT

David Dunn made the following motion:

"I move, as per the Ector County Hospital District Enabling Legislation, to appoint Russell Tippin as the next President/Chief Executive Officer of the Ector County Hospital District/Medical Center Health System and to approve the following general terms and conditions of employment for Russell Tippin:

- At-will employee with a start date of September 9, 2019

Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tippin then addressed the room and stressed that communication would be emphasized under his leadership.

VIII. AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION'S 2019 GET WITH THE GUIDELINES®

- **Target: Stroke Honor Roll Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award**
- **Target: Stroke Honor Roll Awards;**

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S 2019 GET WITH THE GUIDELINES®

- **Heart Failure Silver Plus Award**

Rene Rodriguez presented the American Stroke Association's 2019 *Get With the Guidelines*® awards. Medical Center Hospital received these awards by making specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients for a period of at least 24 months.

Hailey Bennion presented American Heart Association's 2019 *Get With the Guidelines*® Heart Failure Silver Plus Award. Medical Center Hospital received this award because during 12 consecutive months the Heart Team has cared for, charted, discharged with the proper medications, educated and followed up with patients consistently over 90 per cent of the time.

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

IX. TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT (TAVR) PRESENTATION

Matt Collins introduced Dr. Adam Farber and Lisette Aguirre who introduced a new cardiac procedure, the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement, TAVR. This procedure will allow implantation of prosthetic valves through alternative access sites without opening the patient's chest.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2019**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, July 23, 2019**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, June 2019**

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.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Quarterly Investment Report - Quarter 3, FY 2019
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification for Quarter 3, FY 2019, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report for Month Ended June 30, 2019

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Financial Report for Month Ended June 30, 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Capital Expenditure Requests

- a. Consider Approval of da Vinci Xi Dual Console
- b. Consider Approval of Trumpf Surgical Table for da Vinci Xi
- c. Consider Ratification of Emergency Purchase of Operating Room Hush-Slush Machine

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve all Capital Expenditure Requests as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. APPOINTMENT OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) BOARD MEMBER

Don Hallmark announced that his choice to represent Ector County Hospital District on the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board of Directors is Ben Quiroz.

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

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

A. Consider Approval of Community Health Needs Assessment

Christin Timmons presented the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Implementation Plan. This is required every three years for not-for profit-hospitals by the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act and by IRS regulations. This study collected and analyzed the most current health indicator data for residents of Ector County, including, but not limited to demographic data, health data, and community input.

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Herrera excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

B. Review of Certified Property Valuations

Robert Abernethy presented the Certified 2019 Property Appraisal Roll from the Ector County Appraisal District. He stated that the tax roll value for 2019 is \$16,404,216,927 which is \$2,136,136,513 higher than the prior year.

- Last year's tax rate of \$0.112720/\$100 valuation would produce \$18,123,698 in tax revenues for 2020.
- Current year's effective rate of \$0.100650/\$100 valuation would produce \$16,511,925 in tax revenues for 2020.
- Rollback tax rate of \$0.093528/\$100 valuation would produce \$15,342,490 in tax revenues for 2020.

These tax options will be discussed at the August 8, 2019 budget review meeting.

Ben Quiroz moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Certification of the 2019 Property Appraisal Roll as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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; (2) Deliberation regarding exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. (3) Deliberation and evaluation of officers and employees of Ector County Hospital District pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (4) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; (5) Information that, if released or disclosed, would give advantage to a competitor as per Section 552.104 of the Texas Government Code; and (6) Advice, recommendations, opinions, or other material reflecting the policymaking processes of the Ector County Hospital District as per Section 552.111 of the Texas Government Code.

The individuals present during the entire Executive Session were Don Hallmark, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz, Robert Abernethy, Miles Nelson, and Jan Ramos.

Adiel Alvarado, reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session then was excused.

**Executive Session began at 7:04 pm.
Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Claudia Molina, MD. This is a three year agreement for Pathology.
- Dinesh Gowda, MD. This is a three year agreement for Pediatrics.
- Alan Robinson, CRNA. This is a three year agreement for Anesthesia.
- Christi Tucker, MSN, FNP-C. This is a three year agreement for the Hospitalist group.
- Trudian Lester, MSN, RN. This is a three year agreement for Family Medicine.
- Garrison Whitaker, MD. This is a three year agreement for Orthopedics.

Don Hallmark presented the following contract renewal:

- Rhoena Obafial, CRNA. This is a three year agreement for Anesthesia.

David Dunn moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare provider agreements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Resignation of Chief Legal Counsel as Tendered

David Dunn moved and Ben Quiroz seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Chief Legal Counsel as tendered. The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan Ramos, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors