



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Will Kappauf
Richard Herrera
David Dunn
Kathy Rhodes
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryn Dodd
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Meredith Hulseley, Chief Medical Officer
Dr. Jeff 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

Wallace Dunn, 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

Wallace Dunn called roll, Bryn Dodd's absence was excused.

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

Will Kappauf presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. January 2024 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the January 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Kimberly Hellmann
- Non-Clinical – Sarah Corley
- Nurse – Ashley Stewart

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Dr. Jorge Alamo
- Dr. Merry Hart

C. 2023 Associates of the Year

- Dr. H.E. Hestand Humanitarian Award: Sandra Reyes, Respiratory Therapist
- Florence Nightingale Award: Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
- Chaplain Jimmy Wilson Service Excellence Award: Sonya Garcia, Care Coordinator
- Ted Crowe People's Choice Award: Ted Crowe, Nutrition Services Director

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

- Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2023**
- Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, November 2023**
- Consider Approval of Investment Policy Annual Review**
- Consider Approval of Appointing Kathy Rhodes to the Community Giving Committee (replacement for Wallace Dunn)**

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn 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 November 30, 2023
2. Consider Approval of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. Lease Agreement.

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

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

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

A. United Healthcare Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that a three (3) year agreement has been reached with United Healthcare.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. DNV Update

The corrective action plan has been submitted to DNV.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Dr. Hulseley - Update

No report was provided.

D. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer reported that the Odessa City Council Meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024. On the agenda will be use of ARPA funds of \$1 Million to the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center and funds, possibly in the amount of \$500,000, for the free diabetes clinic on 42nd Street.

The Lions Club – Downtown donated money for the Gazelle's bike club shade structure located at the Center for Health and Wellness at Hwy 191.

Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the reimbursement of funds from the State.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XIII. 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; and (2) 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, Will Kappauf, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

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

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, presented the annual compliance report to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, reported to the board about a possible HIPAA complaint and provided an update on the Cardiology Compliance.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, and Don Hallmark, ECHD Board Vice President, led the board in discussion about their meeting with the CEO of Advanced Odessa Hospital.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discussion about setting up a meeting either in June or July with all elected officials in Ector County to have a board training for everyone.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about limiting discussions with ECHD Board members.

Executive Session began at 5:51 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:13 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Sung-Wook Jesse Bang, M.D. – This a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Taeyoung Kim, M.D.. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Hanah Lee Yee, N.P. – This is a three (3) year Pain Management Contract.
- Nancy Baquirin, N.P. – This is an hourly Urgent Care Contract.
- Vipul Mody, M.D. – This is a monthly Hospitalist Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Ramcharitha Kandikatla, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract
- Sung Hwang, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Jeffrey Freyder, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of an Orthopedics Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Fernando Boccalandro, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Cardiology Contract.
- Abdul Alarhayem, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Vascular Surgery Contract.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors