

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 2, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bryn Dodd, President  
Richard Herrera  
David Dunn  
Don Hallmark

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wallace Dunn, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
Kathy Rhodes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Gregory Shipkey, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jeff Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff  
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**

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**

Don Hallmark presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. May 2023 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the May 2023 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Sarahi Garza
- Non-Clinical – Belinda Arnold
- Nurse – Arbelia (Cindy) Urquidi

### **B. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

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

- ProCare Cardio WSMP
- 5C

### **C. Nurses Week Recognition**

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, recognized several nurses in honor of Nurses Week, which is May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **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, April 4, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, April 25, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, March 2023**

David Dunn 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 2, FY 2023
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended March 31, 2023
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of 724 Access Services & Support Contract Renewal.

5. Consider Approval of Revecore Agreement.
6. Consider Approval of Iodine Agreement.
7. Consider Approval of Huron Agreement.
8. Consider Approval of CER for Shimadzu Floor Xray Unit and Medication Refrigeration and Freezer Units.

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

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

Dr Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC, provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report. This report was for information only, and no action was taken.

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

##### **A. CMO Update – Dr. Hulsey**

Dr. Hulsey reported to the board that the new Acute Care Section Chief has been hired and will start on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. MCH will be hosting an orientation on June 27<sup>th</sup> for the new residents starting at 5:00 p.m.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

##### **B. BCBS Update**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that MCH has been speaking to community groups and has mailed letters to BCBS participants in anticipation of the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the contract renewal. Tonya Coke and Trevor Tankersley having been doing a great job with the public message during the BCBS renewal process.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

##### **C. Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)**

Don Hallmark, Board Member, reported to the board that the TIRZ Committee had a meeting and elected officers for the next year. Craig Stoker was elected President. Nothing is being done by the Committee.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

##### **D. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency was ending on May 11, 2023.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

### **E. Ad hoc Report(s)**

Russell Tippin reported that a meeting has been scheduled at the request of the County Judge, Dustin Fawcett to discuss the Health Department. I

Russell Tippin told the Board that Staci Ashley, Vice President of Human Resources is doing a great job during her first 90 days.

Meetings have been held with the nurses on the new Career Ladder. They are happy that there will be better communication on the rollout of the next Career Ladder.

The THT Conference will be in July in Austin.

The ECHD Election for District 2 is on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

The Regional Services report was provided in the packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

## **XII. 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; 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, Bryn Dodd, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Dr. Meredith Hulseley, Chief Medical Officer, presented the on-call agreement the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about the CRNA proposal.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, and Dr. Meredith Hulseley, CMO, led the board in discussion about the cardiology audit.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, Dr. Meredith Hulseley, CMO, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal stepped out of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about the cardiology audit.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, and Dr. Meredith Hulse, CMO were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, led the board in discussion about an employment issue.

Matt Collins, COO, provided an update on the SPD Project and requested to increase the budget up to \$15 Million.

**Executive Session began at 6:00 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:02 p.m.**

### **XIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreements:

- Beth Hart, M.D. – This a three (3) year Pediatrics Contract.
- Joyce Alase, M.D.– This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Mason Crumrine, N.P. – This is a three (3) year Orthopedics Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendment:

- Brian Griffin, N.P. – This is an amendment to a Critical Care Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following renewals:

- Rizwan Asim, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Sudhir Bare, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Samsadeen Issah, CRNA – This is a 3-year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.

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

#### **B. Consider Approval of On-Call Agreement**

Bryn Dodd presented the following On-Call agreement:

- Jason Jones, M.D. – This is an Oral Maxillofacial Surgery On-Call Agreement

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the On-Call Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

#### **C. Consider Approval of SPD Project Budget Increase Request.**

Bryn Dodd recommended approving the SPD Project Budget Increase Request for the project to Fifteen Million (\$15M) Dollars.

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the SPD Project Budget Increase Request as presented. The motion carried.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dunn", written over a horizontal line.

David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors