



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Hallmark, President
Bryn Dodd, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Wallace Dunn
Richard Herrera
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathy Rhodes
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources
Chaplain Doug Herget
Chaplain Farrell Ard
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO
- OTHERS PRESENT:** 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 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 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

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

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. June 2021 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin introduced the 2021 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Ludivina Heredia, 5C Patient Care Assistant
- Non-Clinical – Teresa Renee Hutchins, PBX Supervisor
- Nurse – LaTracy Tinner, 5C LVN

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing and Experience Officer introduced the Unit HCAHPS High Performer(s)

- Family Health Clinic South OB - 100th percentile
- ProCare Pediatrics – JBS Clinic – 100th percentile
- ICU – 100th percentile

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VII. ECHD BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENT

A. PRESIDENT

Don Hallmark nominated Bryn Dodd for President, Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. Bryn Dodd was elected unanimously.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

Bryn Dodd nominated Wallace Dunn for Vice President. David Dunn seconded the nomination. Wallace Dunn was elected unanimously.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

David Dunn nominated Don Hallmark for Executive Committee Member. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. Don Hallmark was elected unanimously.

D. SECRETARY

Bryn Dodd nominated David Dunn as Secretary. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. David Dunn was elected unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2021**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2021**
- C. Consider Approval of Board Retreat Meeting Minutes, May 20-22, 2021**
- D. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, May 25, 2021**
- E. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, April 2021**

David Dunn moved and Wallace 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 April 30, 2021
- 2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Network Infrastructure Equipment from Cerner/Dell
- 3. Capital Expenditure Request(s)
 - a. Consider Approval of GE Healthcare OEC
 - b. Consider Approval of Stryker Master Services Agreement
 - c. Consider Approval of Artic Sun
- 4. Consider Approval of Vizient UM Program Expert

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO provided a report on Medical Center Hospital and the response to the COVID-19 virus.

The mask policy has been updated – masks must be worn when in a patient room or traveling with a patient and all doors are open.

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

B. Set Date for Budget Workshop

In the absence of Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer this item was not discussed.

C. Ad-hoc Reports

The Regional Services Report was provided.

There will be a CMO candidate visiting next week for onsite interviews. This is another candidate that will be interviewed virtually and then there are 2 more possible candidates.

The Board Retreat in Marfa went well.

Town Halls are next week, and board members are welcome to attend.

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

XIII. 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) Deliberations 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 Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Richard Herrera, and Wallace Dunn, and Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, Michaela Johnson and Kerstin Connolly.

Adiel Alvarado, President for MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding ProCare provider agreements, medical directorship agreement, on-call agreement and the professional services agreement during Executive Session then was excused.

Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager, provided the risk update to the Board of Directors during Executive Session then was excused.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer and Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer provided an update to the Board of Directors about an on-going investigation during Executive Session. Christin Timmons was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the Board of Directors in discussions during Executive Session about the agreement with Encompass Health.

Executive Session began at 5:52 pm.

Executive Session ended at 6:54 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendments:

- Dr. Vijay Borra. This amendment changed the on-call compensation.
- Dr. Daniel Babbel. This amendment changed the on-call compensation.
- Dr. Jeffrey Freyder. This amendment changed the on-call compensation.

- Dr. Kalyan Chakrala. This amendment changed the on-call compensation.

Bryn Dodd presented the following renewal agreement:

- Dr. Mavis Twum-Barimah. This is a 3-year renewal for Family Medicine.

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreements:

- Mary Jane Gallardo-Dunaway, CRNA. This is a 3 year agreement for Anesthesia.
- Dr. Joyce Alase. This is a 3-year agreement for Hospitalist.

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 Medical Directorship Agreement

Bryn Dodd presented the following Medical Directorship Agreement:

- Dr. Ghasson Fanous. This is 1-year agreement for Maternal – Child Care Unit

Richard Herrera moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Medical Directorship Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

C. Consider Approval of On-Call Agreement

Bryn Dodd presented the following On-Call Agreement

- Dr. Matthew Brown. This is a 1-year on-call agreement for Trauma/Emergency hand coverage.

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

D. Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement with TTUHSC

Bryn Dodd presented the following Professional Services Agreement with TTUHSC:

- This is a 1-year agreement with TTUHSC for Dr. Okwuwa to cover Wound Care Unit.

Richard Herrera moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with TTUHSC as presented. The motion carried.

E. Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement with Encompass Health

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, recommend that the Board approve the Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement with Encompass Health.

Richard Herrera moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement with Encompass Health as presented. The motion carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District