

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Hallmark, President  
Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
David Dunn  
Wallace Dunn  
Ben Quiroz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Herrera

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare  
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff  
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal  
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer  
Tina Leal, Vice President Physician and Community Relations  
Linda Carpenter, Vice President Information Tech/CIO  
Various other interested members of the  
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:39 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**

Don Hallmark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### **IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM**

Mary Lou Anderson presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

### **V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER**

No conflicts were disclosed.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments from the public were received.

### **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2020**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2020**
- D. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, September 29, 2020**
- E. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, August 2020**
- F. Consider Approval of January 2021 through January 2022 Board/Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

David Dunn moved and Ben Quiroz seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Finance Committee**

- 1. Financial Report for Month Ended August 31, 2020
- 2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of FairWarning Support & Maintenance Agreement
  - b. Consider Approval of FairWarning Managed Privacy Services Agreement
  - c. Consider Approval of Bio-Medical Application of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Medical Care North American Renewal Agreement
  - d. Consider Approval of Crothall Renewal Agreement
  - e. Consider Approval of Merge Healthcare, Inc. Renewal Agreement
- 3. Consider Approval of Meducation Software Agreement
- 4. Consider Approval of Paramount Health Solutions Agreement
- 5. Consider Approval of Hearing Screening Associates Agreement
- 6. Capital Expenditure Request
  - a. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase of Uroskop Omnia Max
  - b. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase for Elevator

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

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

### **A. COVID-19 Update**

No update was provided.

### **B. Oberon Solar, LLC Update**

This update was not discussed.

### **C. Ad hoc Reports**

1. Regional Services Update was provided.
2. Strategic Planning Meeting will be October 14, 2020. This will be posted.
3. Meeting with City Auditor, discussed inmate healthcare costs. The next meeting will be with the Ector County Sheriff.
4. Last few weeks MCH has been interviewing for Chief Experience Officer, it came down to four candidates. The decision was made to split the duties between a nursing side and policy side. Christin Timmons was announced as the new Chief Experience Officer and Chief Nursing Officer. Courtney Look accepted a position as an Associate Chief Experience Officer. The other Associate Chief Experience Officer on the nursing side was offered to two individuals, but remains open.

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

### **D. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN**

Dr. Gary Ventolini provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

## **X. 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 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, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, and Miles Nelson, Attorney at Shafer Law Office.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the property located at 221 Lincoln Ave. during Executive Session then was excused.

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding ProCare provider agreements and Medical Director agreements during Executive Session.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused.

Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal, were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Adiel Alvarado, and Miles Nelson, led the Board of Directors in discussion about the settlement agreement with EPIX GI Management LLC.

**Executive Session began at 6:06 pm.  
Executive Session ended at 7:38 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

### **A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following renewals:

- Nikolay Azarov, M.D. This is a 5 year renewal for Critical Care.

Ben Quiroz moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the ProCare provider agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Consider Approval of MCH Medical Director Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreement:

- Alexander Bastidas-Palacios, M.D. This is a 1 year agreement for Inpatient Cardiopulmonary.

Don Hallmark presented the following renewal

- Abdul Kadir, M.D. This is a 1-year renewal for Neurology/Stroke Service

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the medical director agreements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Consider Approval of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of All Claims with EPIX GI Management LLC**

Don Hallmark presented the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of All Claims with EPIX GI Management LLC.

David Dunn moved and Ben Quiroz seconded the motion to approve the Settlement Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District