



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bryn Dodd, President  
Wallace Dunn, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
David Dunn  
Don Hallmark  
Kathy Rhodes
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Herrera
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Shipkey, Chief of Staff  
Dr. 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**

Kathy Rhodes presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. 2022 Associates of the Year**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the 2022 Associates of the Year:

- Dr. H.E. Hestand Humanitarian Award – Janice Dane, Human Resources Director
- Florence Nightingale Award – Quinn Health, RN, PACU
- Chaplain Jimmy Wilson Service Excellence Award – Anita McDowell, RN, Health & Wellness

### **B. January 2023 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the December 2022 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical –Azucena Becerra
- Non-Clinical – Magaly Duran
- Nurse – Kayla Douglas

### **C. Unit HCAHPS High Performers**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Unit HCAHPS High Performer(s).

- Cath Lab
- Dr. Jeffrey Freyder
- Dr. Adam Farber
- Dr. Stephanie Kubacak

## **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**

- Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2022**
- Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, November 2022**
- Investment Policy Annual Review and Approval**
- Consider Approval of Moving the February 7, 2023 to Thursday, February 9, 2023.**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Wallace Dunn 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. Financial Report for Month Ended November 30, 2022
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Cerner – Fortified Virtual Information Security Officer Agreement Renewal.
  - b. Consider Approval of Ratification of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Support Renewal.
3. Consider Approval of Hirtz Management Services Agreement.

Wallace Dunn moved, and David Dunn 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 TTHUSC 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. DNV Survey Update**

Courtney Look, Chief Experience & Quality Officer, reported to the board that DNV was on site December 20th and 21st, 2022 with 4 surveyors. There were five deficiencies found during the survey. The Action Plan will be submitted on January 10, 2023.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

### **B. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that during Christmas there were 28 employees out, the number has steadily been going down, the current number of employees out is 16.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

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

Russell Tippin introduced Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Meredith Hulseley and Garret Davis, Strategic Planning & Projects.

The new Vice President of Human Resources, Staci Ashley, will start on February 1, 2023.

THA and Legislative Days are in February 2023.

The Board Retreat is June 14-16, 2023 in Marathon, Texas.

The next planning session for the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center is January 17-18, 2023.

Kathy Rhodes, Board Member, shared that she dropped off items from MCH to the VA in Big Spring, TX.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported that MCH was sending our surplus bottled water to Midland in response to their water break situation.

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, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on revenue cycle and the negotiations with BCBS. to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

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

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, presented the MCH TraumaCare Amendments to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, provided the Annual Compliance Report to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session. She and Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Mary Gallegos, Director of Risk Management, provided the Risk Update to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided a litigation update to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin presented the Nacero Amendment to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

**Executive Session began at 5:58 p.m.**  
**Executive Session ended at 7:30 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:

- Armugan Mekala, M.D.. – This a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Francisco Baeza, N.P.– This is a three (3) year Electrophysiology Contract.
- Alicia Fletcher, N.P. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendment:

- Adam Farber, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Cardiology Contract.
- Jeffrey Freyder, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Orthopedics Contract.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

#### **B. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Amendments**

Bryn Dodd presented the following Amendments:

- Courtney Barner, N.P. – This is an amendment to a TraumaCare Contract.
- Katherine Powers, N.P. – This is an amendment to a TraumaCare Contract.
- Hannah Rosso, P.A. – This is an amendment to a TraumaCare Contract.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH TraumaCare Amendments as presented. The motion carried.

#### **C. Consider Approval of Chief of Staff Agreements**

Bryn Dodd presented the following Chief of Staff Agreements:

- Dr. Gregory Shipkey – This is a six (6) month Chief of Staff Agreement.
- Dr. Fernando Boccalandro – This is a six (6) month Chief of Staff Agreement.
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Kathy Rhodes moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Chief of Staff Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

#### **D. Consider Approval of the Nacero Amendment**

Bryn Dodd presented the First Amendment to Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement Dated February 23, 2022, by and between Ector County Hospital District ("District"), Nacero TX 1 LLC ("Company").

David Dunn moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the First Amendment to Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement Dated February 23, 2022, by and between Ector County Hospital District ("District"), Nacero TX 1 LLC ("Company") as presented. The motion carried.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors