

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Dunn, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
Richard Herrera
Don Hallmark
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryn Dodd, President
David Dunn

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare
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, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 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

Wallace Dunn 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. October 2022 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Lydia Maldonado
- Non-Clinical – Amanda Mancha
- Nurse – Shelby Mathews

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

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

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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, September 8, 2022**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2022**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, September 27, 2022**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, August 2022**
- E. Consider Approval of January 2023 through January 2024 Board/Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Mary Lou Anderson 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 August 31, 2022
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Shimadzu Service Agreement Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of Accelerate Diagnostics Service Contract Amendment
 - c. Consider Approval of Roche Diagnostics Depot Service Agreement
 - d. Consider Approval of CVA Advertising and Marketing Contract Renewal
3. Capital Planning Committee

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark 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, School of Medicine provided the TTUHSC Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin reported that there are only 4 patients in-house, and there are no employees with Covid-19.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Regional Update

Russell Tippin reported MCH hosted a regional meeting on September 21, 2022 and last week a visit was made to Monahans to meet with area leaders.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Retiree Update

The annual retiree meeting was held on September 28, 2022. There were about 80 people in attendance.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ambulance Update

GMR provided their termination notice. They are ceasing all operations locally. ECHD will be starting the process of going out to bid for ambulance services.

E. Ad hoc Report(s)

Matt Collins, COO, reported that the MCH Pharmacy has received its DEA number, they are working on insurance plans. The plan is to have a soft opening for MCH employees at the end of the month. Along with providing services for employees, discharged patients will be able to fulfill their prescriptions prior to leaving. There will also be a locker system, mainly for night shift employees.

The MCH main hospital MRI went down, the 2 other unites have been utilized, while some patients had to be rescheduled.

The Regional Services Update was provided.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XII. 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 (3) 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, Mary Lou Anderson, Richard Herrera, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

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

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update to the board about the Sterile Processing Department project bid. He also informed the board that Brad Timmons, ECHD Chief of Police, has submitted his resignation effective at the end of October. Kelly Cecil will serve as the interim Chief of Police.

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel led the board in discussion about the pilot agreements and the PSP ICU project during Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 5:56 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 7:17 p.m.

XIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Getnet Aberra, M.D. – This a three (3) year Family Medicine Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Lakshmi Alahari M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Joseph Bryan, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.
- Mason Gage Hicks, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Harika Thummala, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contact.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Ector County Hospital District