

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryn Dodd, President
Wallace Dunn, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
Richard Herrera
David Dunn
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Hallmark

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Davenport, 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. December 2022 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical –Airesh Peregrino
- Non-Clinical – Mayra Escontrias
- Nurse – Tonya Carroll

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

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

- Dr. Avelino Garcia

C. Chief of Staff – Dr. Davenport

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, recognized and thanked Dr. Davenport for his time and leadership. This is Dr. Davenport's last meeting as Chief of Staff.

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, November 1, 2022**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, November 22, 2022**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, October 2022**
- D. Consider Approval of MCHS Compliance Program Reaffirmation and Compliance Committee Charter**
- E. Consider Approval of the TCDRS Annual Contribution Authorization**

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 October 31, 2022
2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider Approval of the Cisco SmartNet Hardware/Software Maintenance Support Agreement Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of the VMware Software License Support Agreement Renewal
 - c. Consider Approval of Purchase of Belmont Infusers – Contingency Funding
 - d. Consider Approval of Texas Healthcare Linen Contract Renewal
 - e. Consider Approval of Nationwide Power Solutions Contract Renewal
3. Consider Approval of Cepheid Pricing and Placement Agreement Amendment
 4. Consider Ratification of Emergency Purchase of Datacenter Power
 5. Consider Approval of Oracle/Cerner Hospital IQ Perioperative Solutions Software

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

B. Executive Policy Committee

1. Policy reviewed and approved

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy 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. COVID-19 Update

Nothing was reported.

B. Ad hoc Report(s)

MCH is waiting for the DNV survey.

There are three (3) candidates that will be interviewed for the Vice President of Human Resources.

Fort Stockton is in the middle of an election to create a hospital district.

Dr. Hulseley is weeks away from assuming the Chief Medical Officer position.

Reminder of events: The board dinner is on December 15, 2022 at the Odessa Country Club and Christmas Tea is December 14, 2022.

The Regional Services Update was provided.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

C. Wallace Dunn asked the following question:

“I have been a member of this board since May of 2019. There has recently been some statements made publicly, and in the local newspaper that claim there are multiple complaints filed against me. Are you aware of ANY complaints filed against me since May of 2019?”

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, were asked by Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer to address Mr. Dunn’s question. Ms. Sredanovich responded that there have been no complaints against Mr. Dunn or any other board member. Mr. Steen stated that there are no lawsuits against Mr. Dunn or any other board member currently pending.

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, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Courtney Look, Chief Patient and Experience Officer, provided the Quality/Grievance update 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 provider agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, led the Board Members in discuss about the upcoming Legislative Days and THA Conference in Austin.

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions about the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update to the Board Members about the contract status with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Russell Tippin led the board in discussions about the surgery center.

Executive Session began at 5:54 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:46 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:

- Irene Esquivel, N.P. – This a three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.
- Yvonne Gochangco, CRNA – This is a three (3) year Anesthesia Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendment:

- Adam Farber, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Cardiology Contract.
- Tejas Patel, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Cardiology Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following renewal agreements:

- Stephanie Kubacak, M.D. – This is three (3) year renewal of an Internal Medicine Contract.
- Emily Jones, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of an Orthopedics Contract.
- Manohar Angirekula, M.D. – This is a five (5) year renewal of a Cardiology Contract.
- Fernando Boccalandro, M.D. – This a five (5) year renewal of a Cardiology Contract.

Wallace Dunn 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, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors