



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer  
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare  
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jeff Pinnow, 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**

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 Farrell Ard 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. CHECK PRESENTATION TO ODESSA COLLEGE**

Russell Tippin, CEO and the ECHD Board of Directors presented the first \$500,000 payment for the Odessa College Health Sciences building to representatives of Odessa College.

## **VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. February 2022 Associates of the Month**

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

- Clinical – Amanda Everett
- Non-Clinical – Alysa Camarena
- Nurse – Michelle Lawshea

### **B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers**

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

- 4 East
- Cath Lab

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

No conflicts were disclosed.

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

No comments from the public were received.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2022**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, January 25, 2022**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, December 2021**
- D. Consider Approval of TTUHSC-PB Graduate Medical Education (GME) Annual Report**
- E. Consider Approval of Institutional Review Board (IRB) Annual Report**

David Dunn moved, and Mary Lou Anderson 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 1, FY 2022 – tabled until next month
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification – tabled until next month
3. Financial Report for Month Ended December 31, 2021
4. Capital Expenditure Requests

- a. Consider Approval of CER for Biosense Webster Carto Mapping System
- b. Consider Approval of CER Diagnostic NICU Portable X-ray Unit
5. Consider Approval of Nuance ModLink Software Contract
6. Consider Approval of HealthLinx Nursing Excellence Solution Agreement

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

## **XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT**

There was no report given.

## **XII. NURSING WORKFORCE UPDATE**

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, provided an update on the nursing workforce. This report was for information only. No action was taken.

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

### **A. TRAUMA RESOLUTION**

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, presented the Trauma Resolution from Dr. York.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION**

*We, the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District, resolve that we will support the Trauma Program at Medical Center Hospital attaining Level III Trauma verification and designation. We will be committed to providing the resources necessary to ensure quality care of the trauma patient to achieve optimal outcomes throughout the continuum of care. This we do to further our commitment as the lead trauma facility for all citizens of Ector County and Trauma Service Area "J".*

*The Trauma Program is the cornerstone of our regional outreach plan and an integral component of our hospital strategic plan. Our support encompasses funding for uncompensated care, physician coverage, contracts, professional education, injury prevention education, clinical facilities, modern technologies, and dedicated staff.*

*Medical Center Hospital will continue to be active in leadership roles in Texas "J" Regional Advisory Council. Our Trauma Program staff will be supported in participating at the state level in the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum, The Texas Emergency, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation, and the Governor's Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council and Committee. We are committed to furthering the development of the Texas Trauma System in our region and the state.*

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District of Odessa, Texas this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.

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Bryn Dodd  
ECHD Board President

Wallace Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Trauma Resolution as presented. The motion carried.

#### **B. Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center**

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that there was a PBBHC board meeting last week. Midland Memorial Health received a \$500,000 donation. Some of those funds will be used to cover attorney fees needed in the establishment of the joint venture. The \$40 million dollars allocated by the State of Texas must be used within 2 years. The additional \$40 million dollars will need to be raised by the hospitals foundations in the form of grants and donations.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

#### **C. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that there are currently 76 active cases, but the numbers are coming down. MCH is currently on regional diversion.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

#### **D. Ad-hoc Reports**

The Odessa Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Luncheon is on Thursday, February 3, 2022. The healthcare professionals from Medical Center Health System and Odessa Regional Medical Center are the recipients of 2021 Citizens of the Year.

MCH has asked Craig Carter and Brian Jackson to conduct a Board Training Refresher on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This training will be open for the other regional hospitals to attend. The location is being finalized.

The Regional Services Report was provided.

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

### **XIV. 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; (2) Deliberation Regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (4) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; and (5) Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Richard Herrera and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Steve Ewing, Chief

Financial Officer, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel and Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer reported to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session regarding a personnel/compliance issue in the MCH Laboratory. Ms. Sredanovich was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Tony Schum with Duff & Phelps, LLC presented a tax abatement request to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from Executive Session.

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

Tina Leal, Vice Present of Physician Community Relations, presented an income guarantee agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCHS lease agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Matt Collins, COO led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about facility planning.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about the CMS Vaccine Mandate.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board Vice President, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about the Permian Basin Strategic Partnership.

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel and Russell Tippin, President and CEO reported to the ECHD Board of Directors about an HHS correspondence.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about the ECHD Board of Directors Board Retreat.

**Executive Session began at 6:12 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:50 p.m.**

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

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

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreements:

- Amy Carillo, FNP-C – This is a 3-year agreement for FHC Pediatrics
- Tammy Trollope, N.P. – This is a 3-year agreement for FHC Family Medicine.
- Ngan Jenna Hill, N.P. – This is a 3-year agreement for Cardiology.

- Benjamin Luis Aguilar, FNP-C – This is a 3-year agreement for Cardiology.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendments:

- Sam Kim, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Internal Medicine Agreement.
- Sanchita Yadalla, M.D. – This is an amendment to an OB/GYN Agreement.
- West Texas Ear, Nose, Throat & Sinus Institute – This is an amendment to a lease agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

**B. Consider Approval of MCH Lease Agreements**

Bryn Dodd presented the following Lease Agreements:

- MCH ProCare Women’s Clinic, This is a 3-year lease agreement.
- MCH ProCare Gastroenterology & Wound Care Clinic. This is a 3-year lease agreement

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH Lease Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

**C. Consider Approval of Medical Directorship Agreement**

Bryn Dodd presented the following Medical Directorship Agreement:

- Dr. Abdul Kadir – This is a medical directorship agreement for the Neuro/Stroke Service Line.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Medical Directorship Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**D. Consider Approval of Income Guarantee Agreement**

Bryn Dodd presented the following Income Guarantee Agreement:

- Dr. Judith Birungi – This is a 24 month income guarantee agreement for general surgery.

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Income Guarantee Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District