

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryn Dodd, President

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Shipkey, 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**

Wallace Dunn, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:36 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**

Wallace Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

Richard Herrera presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. February 2023 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the February 2023 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical –Linda Barrett
- Non-Clinical – Abigail Garcia
- Nurse – Maricel Manolo

### **B. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Net Promoter Score High Performer(s).

- Daniel Babbel, M.D.
- Suzanne Cearley, NP
- 5 West - Pediatrics

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

No conflicts were disclosed.

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

Francisca Garcia addressed the board. She thanked the hospital for the care she received during the time she was a patient here. She shared that she was in a coma for three weeks.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, January 24, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, December 2022**
- D. Consider Approval of 2023 Charter for Compliance Committee**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Richard Herrera 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 1, FY 2023
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended December 31, 2022
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Data Domain Storage Backup Software/Hardware 2-Yr Support Renewal.
  - b. Consider Approval of Leica Pricing Agreement with Service Plan Agreement.
  - c. Consider Approval of Morrison Contract Renewal.

- d. Consider Approval of American Heart Association Partnership Contract Renewal.
5. Consider Approval of State Collections Agreement.
6. Consider Approval of Revcore Agreement – Item was tabled
7. Consider Approval of Modernization Proposal for Helipad Elevator
8. Consider Approval of Bolt Navigation Agreement
9. Capital Budget Update

David Dunn 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**

Jessica Zuniga, Assistant Vice President, Permian Basin 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. ECHD Workers Compensation Trends**

The Ector County Hospital District Work Comp Claim Trends report from THIE was provided in the board packet.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

### **B. S&P Rating**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that The Standards and Poors Rating indicates ECHD has a stable outlook. The full report was provided in the board packet.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

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

The design information for the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center was provided in the board packet.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

### **D. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that the current number of COVID patients in the hospital today is 8. According to the CMS guidelines the mask policy is still in place.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

### **E. Dr. Hulsey – CMO Update**

Dr. Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer, reported to the Board she has been here for a month now and she is finding that the providers want to collaborate with MCH. She is working on Doctor's Day, which will be on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The providers have indicated that they do not want a gift, just a lunch. The Board will be invited to attend.

This report was informational only and no action was taken.

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

Russell Tippin introduced Staci Ashley, Vice President of Human Resources.

The Regional Services report was provided in the packet.

Southwest Transplant Alliance provided two reports on MCH's 2022 Hospital Donation Activity which were provided in the packet.

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 (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, Mary Lou Anderson, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, led the discussions about the upcoming BCBS negotiations and communications to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session. Steve Ewing, Tonya Coke, Trevor Tankersley, were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements and MCH medical directorship 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, was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about regional economic developments.

**Executive Session began at 6:13 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:35 p.m.**

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

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

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreements:

- Larissa Navarro, AuD – This a three (3) year Audiology Contract.
- Ghenema Cherid, N.P.– This is a three (3) year Wound Care Contract.

Don Hallmark presented the following amendment:

- MidWest Anesthesia Alliance, LLC – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.

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

#### **B. Consider Approval of Medical Directorship Agreement**

Don Hallmark presented the following medical directorship agreement:

- Ghasson Fanous, M.D. – This is a medical directorship agreement for OB/GYN – Maternal Child Unit.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Medical Directorship Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors