

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wallace Dunn, President  
Don Hallmark, Vice President  
Bryn Dodd  
Will Kappauf  
Richard Herrera  
David Dunn  
Kathy Rhodes

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer  
Dr. Fernando Boccalandro, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff  
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer  
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, 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 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**

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

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

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

- Clinical – Tanisha Deanda
- Non-Clinical – Idalia Rodriguez
- Nurse – Melissa Gonzalez

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

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

- Dr. Chittur Ramanathan
- Dr. Avelino Garcia
- Cath Lab
- 4 East

## **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, July 11, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, July 25, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, June 2023**

Don Hallmark moved, and David 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 3, FY 2023
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certificate
3. Financial Report for Month Ended June 30, 2023.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. consider Approval of Abbott Point of Care Service Plan Agreement for 50 iSTAT analyzers renewal
  - b. Consider Approval of Lockton Dunning Agreement Renewal
  - c. Consider Approval of TK Elevators Preventative Maintenance Agreement Renewal Contract Renewal

- d. Consider Approval of Breakaway PromisePoint Access/Community Services Renewal
  - e. Consider Approval of ECHD Board Members Reimbursement Request(s)
5. Consider Approval of PayerWatch VERACITY Agreement
  6. Consider Approval of Emergency Purchase of Replacement Chemistry Instrument

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes 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 TTUHSC, 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. Review of Certified Property Valuations**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that the valuations are up between 22-25% this year.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

##### **B. November 7, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting and Regular Board Meeting – new time**

Due to another event the Board Members will be attending on November 7, 2023, it was discussed to move the start time of the November 7, 2023 Finance Committee and Regular Board Meeting to Noon (12:00pm).

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to change the start time of the November 7, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting and Regular Board Meeting to Noon (12:00pm). The motion carried.

##### **C. MCH Job Fair**

The MCH Job Fair Flyer was provided in the board packet.

This was information only. No action was taken.

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

Russell Tippin, President/CEO reported that the Regional Meeting will take place on August 8, 2023 over at Texas Tech. The speakers will be John Hawkins, THA; Dr. Benton, TTUHSC; and Tess Frazier, THIE.

The new Star Ratings came out. MCH has improved to a 2 Star and was very close to being a 3 Star.

The Regional Services report was 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; (2) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) Deliberation and evaluation of officers and employees of Ector County Hospital District pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code..

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

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

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions about an amendment to the Nacero Agreement.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the cardiology audit.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discussions about the CEO Evaluation and forming an Executive Compensation Committee.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal, were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions of the Chief Executive Officer's annual evaluation.

**Executive Session began at 5:52 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:56 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session

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

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Ahmed Mansour, M.D. – This a three (3) year OB/GYN Contract.
- Mohannad Mahmoud Anbarserri, M.D.– This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Obinna Ukabam, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Gastroenterology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Marlys Munnell, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Raymond Martinez, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of an OB/GYN Contract.

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

**B. Consider Amendment to Nacero Agreement**

Wallace Dunn presented a Second Amendment to the Nacero Agreement which defers the term for three (3) years.

Richard Herrera moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to accept the Second Amendment to the Nacero Agreement. The motion carried.

**C. Compliance Update and Resolution**

Wallace Dunn recommended giving Russell Tippin, President/CEO the authority to resolve the pending compliance issue.

Don Hallmark moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to give the President/CEO authority to resolve the pending compliance issue. The motion carried.

**D. Chief Executive Officer Agreement**

Wallace Dunn recommended including the cost of the family health insurance plan as part of the compensation for the President/CEO.

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to include the cost of the family health insurance plan in the CEO Agreement. The motion carried.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Ector County Hospital District