

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don Hallmark, President  
Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
David Dunn  
Wallace Dunn  
Richard Herrera  
Ben Quiroz

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Toni Land, Chief Patient Experience Officer  
Dr. Sari Nabulsi, Chief Medical Officer  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff  
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin  
Jan Ramos, ECHD Board Secretary  
Various other interested members of the  
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of 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**

Don Hallmark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

Ben Quiroz presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

#### **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

##### **A. March 2020 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin introduced the March 2020 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical: Gilbert Suarez, Supervisor, Radiology Special Procedures
- Non-Clinical: Susana Calderon, Utility and Dishroom Worker, Nutrition Services
- Nurse: Farika McKulsky, RN Charge, 5 Central

##### **B. February 2020 Patient Satisfaction Winners**

The following units were recognized for their February 2020 patient satisfaction scores:

- Medical Practice: FHC South Pediatrics 100%  
FHC South Obstetrics 100%  
MCH ProCare Cardiology Golder (Zagrodsky) 100%
- Inpatient: 3 West 100%
- Outpatient: Wound Care 100%  
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy 100%  
Cardiac Rehabilitation 100%  
EKG 100%

#### **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, February 4, 2020**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, February 25, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, January 2020**

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.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Audit Committee**

#### **1. FY 2019 MCHS External Audit Report**

Bryn Dodd reported the Audit Committee met March 3, 2020 at noon and received a report and letter to management from BKD, the external audit company for the Ector County Hospital District. The BKD report reflected an unmodified audit opinion on Fiscal Year 2019. The Committee approved the report and letter to management and recommended that the Board approve the BKD Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report and letter to management. This was in the form of a motion.

David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Audit report and letter to management as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Finance Committee**

#### **1. Financial Report for Month Ended January 31, 2020**

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Robert Bennett, Regional Chairman for Department of Pediatric Medicine, presented a clinical profile of his department. This included value added services at Medical Center Hospital, and contract year 2019-2020 funding support.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

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

### **A. Patient Experience and Quality Quarterly Report**

Dr. Sari Nabulsi, Chief Medical Officer, presented a quarterly update on Patient Experience and Quality. This report included an explanation of the CMS star rating and each of the categories upon which the scores are based.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

## **B. MCH ProCare Semi-Annual Report**

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, provided an update on MCH ProCare, including:

- Vision and Strategic Priorities
- MCH ProCare Services
- Merit Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
- Volume/Financial Review
- Provider Renewal/Retention 2019

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

## **C. Consider Approval of Cerner Services Agreement for Aged Accounts Receivables**

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer presented a Statement of Work for Collections of Aged Accounts Receivable for Managed Care, Government and Commercial Payor Accounts. RevWorks will create a dedicated team to rework all accounts to maximize the cash collections potential.

David Dunn moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Cerner Services Agreement for Aged Accounts Receivables as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **D. Ad Hoc Reports**

Russell Tippin pointed out to the board members the Odessa Housing Report that was included in the meeting materials provided. He also gave an update on the coronavirus, COVID-19, and the preparations the system is making.

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

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberations regarding Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; and (3) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

The individuals present during the entire Executive Session were Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz, Richard Herrera, Russell Tippin, and Steve Steen.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding Pro Care provider agreements during Executive Session then was excused.

Doug Witt with Samco Investment Advisors and Paul Braden with Norton Rose Fulbright reported to the Board of Directors regarding refinancing of General Obligation Bonds during Executive Session then were excused.

Virginia Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding a Kepro Audit during Executive Session then was excused.

Steve Ewing and Jan Ramos were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen reported to the Board of Directors regarding a waiver request during Executive Session then was excused.

**Executive Session began at 6:45 pm.**  
**Executive Session ended at 8:08 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

#### **A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following new amendments:

- Rhoena Obafail, CRNA. This amendment aligned her compensation with other CRNAs.
- Ben Novicio, CRNA. This amendment aligned his compensation with other CRNAs.
- James Horton, CRNA. This amendment aligned his compensation with other CRNAs.
- Vijay Borrso, MD. This amendment added call compensation.

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Samsadeen Issah, CRNA. This is a three year contract for Anesthesia.
- Marie Anne Gue, CRNA. This is a three year contract for Anesthesia.
- Ewa Korzeniowska, CRNA. This is a three year contract for Anesthesia.
- Swetha Jangangari, MD. This is a three year contract for the Hospitalist group.
- Rita Estep, MD. This is a three year contract for FHC Pediatrics.
- Juliet Arihi, MSN, APRN, FMP-C. This is a three year contract for Urgent Care.
- Molly Fenwick, AuD. This is a three year contract for Audiology.

Ben Quiroz moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare provider agreements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consider Approval of Waiver Request**

Don Hallmark presented the waiver request.

Richard Herrera moved and Ben Quiroz seconded the motion to approve the waiver request as presented due to extraordinary circumstances. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Consider and take appropriate action on all matters related to the judicial validation of the “Ector County Hospital District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020” including the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as counsel for such matter**

Bryn Dodd made the following motion, “I move to authorize the Chief Executive Officer and his staff to proceed with all matters related to the judicial validation of the “Ector County Hospital District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020”, to retain Norton Rose Fulbright as counsel for the District in connection with such judicial validation and to bring an action to obtain a declaratory judgment if and when determined by the District’s Chief Executive Officer that such action is in the best interest of the District.”

Ben Quiroz seconded the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jan Ramos, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors