



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Linda Carpenter, Vice President Information/CIO
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY
PRESENT:**

Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin
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 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

Don Hallmark 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. 2020 Associates of the Year

Russell Tippin introduced the 2020 Associates of the Year as follows:

- Dr. H.E. Hestand Humanitarian Award – Renato Galindo, Director of Respiratory
- Florence Nightingale Award – Lisa Mota, Director of ICU
- Chaplain Jimmy Wilson Service Excellence Award – Pat Hoppman, Lab Administration

B. January 2021 Directors of the Month

Russell Tippin introduced the 2021 Directors of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Lindsey Duncan, Director of Care Management
- Non-Clinical – Cheryl McQueen, Director of Materials Management
- Nurse – Lisa Mota, Director of ICU

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, December 1, 2020

B. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, November 2020

David Dunn 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. Financial Report for Month Ended November 30, 2020
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Philips Equipment and Disposable Products Agreement Renewal
3. **Capital Expenditure Requests**
 - a. Consider Approval of Instrument Tracking System
 - b. Consider Approval of TruSystem 7000dV Standard Table Package (XI Robot OR Table)
 - c. Consider Approval of Panda Warmer for 3rd OR expansion in LD
 - d. Consider Approval of Drager Anesthesia Machine for 3rd OR expansion in LD

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

X. CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kim Leftwich presented the Case Management Plan.

Richard Herrera moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Case Management Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. NICU RESOLUTION

Christin Timmons presented the NICU Resolution to the board.

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the NICU Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Gary Ventolini provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

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

A. Human Resources Quarterly Update

Russell Tippin provided an update on the search for a new Vice President of Human Resources. There are three (3) interviews set up this week and then peer interviews will be scheduled.

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

B. Information Technology Quarterly Report

Linda Carpenter, Vice President Information/CIO, presented a PowerPoint presentation for the IT Department quarterly update.

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

C. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin provided a report on Medical Center Hospital and the response to the COVID-19 virus.

MCH currently has 68 patients inhouse, MCH was COVID testing Odessa College students today. MCH administered 2611 vaccines and have ordered the second round. MCH is requesting 25,000 – 30,000 vaccines and will partner with OFD and the City of Odessa to get those out to the public. At this time MCH has tested over 16,000 people for COVID-19.

MCH lost a long-time employee to COVID-19, Joe worked at MCH for over 32 years.

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

D. Ad-hoc Reports

No reports were given.

E. Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit

Russell Tippin reported that Encompass Healthcare is taking the inpatient rehabilitation patients, which has opened up additional beds to treat COVID patients. 38 of the nurses relocated to another nursing floor within MCH, 1 person retired, and 9 individuals took the severance package that was offered.

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

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark 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) Deliberations regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; and (3) Deliberations 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 Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Richard Herrera and Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, Christine Timmons, Kerstin Connolly, and Michaela Johnson.

A group consisting of Dr. Gregory Williams, Odessa College President, Ken Zartner, Odessa College Vice President of Administrative Services, Nicole Hays, Odessa College Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Jacqui Gore, Odessa College Executive Director of Advancement, and Cruz Castillo, Owner of JSA Architects presented a Clinical Investment Opportunity to the Board of Directors during Executive Session and then they were excused.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding a property lease during Executive Session then was excused.

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

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 6:19 pm.

Executive Session ended at 7:59 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Don Hallmark presented the following renewal/amendment:

- Nawaal Nasser, M.D. This is an amendment for Pathology Agreement.
- Sanchita Yadalla, M.D. This a 3-year renewal for OBGYN Agreement.
- Dayanelie Reyes, P.A. This is a 2-year renewal for Urgent Care Agreement.

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreement:

- Ocotian Montoya, N.P. This is a 3-year agreement for Cardiology.
- Sameer Islam, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Gastroenterology.

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

B. Consider Approval of Lease Agreement

Don Hallmark presented the following on-call agreement:

- Permian Premier Health Services Inc. (Dr. Agusala). This is a 1-year lease agreement.

Ben Quiroz moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement

No action was taken on this item.

D. Odessa College Clinical Investment Agreement

Don Hallmark presented the Odessa College Clinical Investment Agreement which consists of an investment of \$500,000 per year for 10 ten years to Odessa College. MCH is creating employees by partnering with Odessa College. Additionally, MCH is provided with naming and use rights to the facility.

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Odessa College Clinical Investment Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District