



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2024 – 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:** Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer  
Dr. Nimat Alam, 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 5:30 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. ROLL CALL AND ECHD BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES**

Wallace Dunn called roll, and all members were present.

**III. INVOCATION**

Russell Tippin offered the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

Don Hallmark presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. April 2024 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the April 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Yvette Marie Galindo
- Non-Clinical – Belen Nicole Paz
- Nurse – Valeria Valenzuela

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

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

- MCH ProCare Gastroenterology
- Bertha Martinez Nunez, NP
- Dr. Genevieve Okafor

## **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, March 1, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, March 26, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, February 2024**

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes 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. Financial Report for Month Ended February 29, 2024
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of UKG Healthcare IT Leaders Agreement Reinstatement.
  - b. Consider Approval of Fortified Health IT Security Services Agreement Renewal.
  - c. Consider Approval of Cornerstone Landscaping Maintenance Contract Renewal.
  - d. Consider Approval of Stryker Master Services Agreement Renewal
  - e. Consider Approval of Basin Emergency Physicians Agreement Renewal

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

**B. Executive Policy Committee**

The Executive Policy Committee met on March 28, 2024 to review and approve one (1) MCH policy meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policy as presented.

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

**XI. 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.

**XII. APPOINTMENT OF ECHD BOARD MEMBER TO THE ODESSA TAX INCENTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bryn Dodd made a motion to nominate David Dunn to continue to be the ECHD representative on the Odessa Tax Incentive Committee, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

**A. Dr. Hulseley - Update**

Dr. Hulseley, Chief Medical Officer, reported that the March 28<sup>th</sup> Doctor's Day was successful. She has noticed a cultural change in the Medical Staff and attributes that to holding everyone to a higher standard. There will be quarterly meetings between three (3) ECHD board members and five to six (5-6) different providers. Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President will schedule the board members and Dr. Hulseley will coordinate the providers.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

**B. Courtney Look-Davis**

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Patient and Experience Officer, reported to the board that LDI will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the board is invited to attend. DNV is onsite for the Stroke Survey. Effective 5/1/24 MCH's Leapfrog score will be upgraded to a C.

**C. Ad hoc Reports**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, reminded everyone that ECHD Board Retreat is April 30 – May 2, 2024. The Regional Board Training is in May. The trailer for the docuseries, Desert Doc, was played. The series highlights Dr. Bose, Medical Center Hospital and Ft. Stockton Hospital.

The Medical Center Health System Foundation report was provided in the board packet.

The Regional Services Update report was provided in the board packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

#### **XIV. 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, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session, and then he was excused from the remainder of executive session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH property leases to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the MCH TraumaCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about the bylaws.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the current construction projects.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the Radiology matter.

Russell Tippin, President, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the Compliance Cardiology matter.

Russell Tippin, President, led the board in discussions about an emergency services district.

**Executive Session began at 6:08 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:03 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session

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

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Avelino Garcia, M.D. – This a three (3) year OB/GYN Contract.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**B. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Agreement**

Wallace Dunn presented the following new Agreement:

- Regina Sledge, N.P.– This is 3-year MCH TraumaCare agreement.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH TraumaCare Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**C. Consider Approval of MCHS Lease Agreements**

Wallace Dunn presented the following property leases:

- Dr. Donald Davenport – This is a 3-year property lease.
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- MCH ProCare – FM & Vascular Surgery – This is a 3-year property lease

Will Kappauf moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the MCHS Lease Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors