



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer  
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jeff Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal  
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Various other interested members of the  
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Bryn Dodd, 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 Farrell Ard offered the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bryn Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

Wallace Dunn presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **A. April 2022 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the April 2022 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Amanda Nunez
- Non-Clinical – Cierra Gonzalez
- Nurse – Ryan Butler

### **B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Unit HCAHPS High Performer(s)

- ProCare Orthopedics – 100%
- ICU – 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, March 1, 2022**

### **B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, March 29, 2022**

### **C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, February 2022**

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. Finance Committee**

1. Financial Report for Month Ended February 28, 2022
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Sonifi Health Software Maintenance & Software Renewal
3. Capital Expenditure Requests
  - b. Consider Approval of CER for Fluoroscopic Unit
  - c. Consider Ratification of CER for Innowave Pro Sonic Irrigator
4. Consider Approval of Cerner Bidirectional Immunization Query Solution Contract
5. Consider Approval of Cerner Nuance PowerScribe One

Wallace Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC, reported to the ECHD Board that all of their students with were matched with residency spots and that all incoming spots were filled. The surgery program is awaiting accreditation and the fellowships have submitted accreditations. They are looking to partner with MCH and Cerner.

This report was informational only.

#### **XI. REPORT/RECOGNITION OF THE MCH ALL CAUSE READMISSION TEAM**

Nicole Hays, RN, Performance Improvement Officer, provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Readmissions Steering Committee report to the ECHD Board

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

#### **XII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTION**

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Endowment Funds Distribution Agreement from Prosperity Bank for approval.

As noted in the investment agreement, the total net income for Odessa Junior College Trust is \$6,945.77. Ninety percent of that amount is \$6,251.19 and this amount will be paid to Odessa Junior College. Ten percent, \$694.57 will be retained as an addition to principal.

The total net for the TTUHSC-PB Trust is \$21,651.23. Ninety percent of that amount is \$19,486.10 and this amount will be paid to TTUHSC-PB. Ten percent, \$2,165.12 will be retained as an addition to principal.

The total net income for University of Texas-PB is \$3,999.44. Ninety percent of that amount is \$3,599.49 and this amount will be paid to University of Texas-PB. Ten percent, \$399.94 will be retained as an addition to principal.

Richard Herrera moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Endowment Funds Distribution Agreement from Prosperity Bank as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

##### **A. Board Retreat Update**

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, reminded the Board Members that the Board Retreat is April 28-30, 2022 in Alpine.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

## **B. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that MCH has one (1) COVID-19 patient today. We are keeping a close watch on the new variant. CDC is recommencing another booster for those 50 years old and over.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

## **C. Ad-hoc Reports**

There were 58 people that attended the Regional Board Training.

With the departure of David Chancellor, Janice Dane is serving as the Interim Vice President of Human Resources

Dr. Dar is conducting Covid-19 follow-up clinics one day a week in the Wheatley Stewart Medical Pavilion. He is seeing all Covid-19 patients.

The Texas Hospital Trustees (THT) Conference is in July in Ft. Worth.

The preliminary mineral valuations should be available in the next 30 days.

The Regional Services Report was provided.

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

## **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bryn Dodd 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 Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Richard Herrera and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Brad Timmons, Chief of ECHD Police, presented the 2021 ECHD crime statistics to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

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

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the ECHD Board of Directors about the discussions from the Real Estate Committee and presented a property lease agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussions about billing issues.

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, reported to the ECHD Board of Directors about a recent patient death during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussions about Covid-19 related topics, including the vaccine mandate and Regeneron clinic during Executive Session .

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, updated the ECHD Board of Directors on the CMO candidate during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, updated the ECHD Board of Directors on the status of the Trauma Group during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about a proposed PILOT agreement for a \$24 billion project during Executive Session .

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, provided an update to the ECHD Board of Directors about discussions with the Permian Strategic Partnership during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, reported to the ECHD Board of Directors about a personnel change in Administration during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update about the laboratory situation to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update about the wage adjustment for employees to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

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

**Executive Session ended at 8:27 p.m.**

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

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

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreements:

- Antonyos Mahfoud, M.D. – This is a 3-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Tejaswi Bhari Thippewsmay, M.D. – This is a 3-year agreement for Hospitalist.
- Ashlyn Duncan, N.P. – This is 3-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Duhiangchin Thianhlun, P.A. – This is a 3-year agreement for Hospitalist.
- Nancy Bueno, N.P. – This is a 3-year agreement for Urgent Care.

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendments:

- Beverly Gifford, N.P. – This is an amendment to a Family Health Clinic Contract.
- Claudia Molina, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Pathology Contract.
- Nawaal Nasser, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Pathology Contract.
- Rebecca Mantsch, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Pathology Contract.
- Dayanelie Reyes, P.A. – This is an amendment to an Urgent Care Contract.
- Elliana Wiesner, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Hospitalist Contract.
- Nancy Baquirin, N.P. – This is an amendment to an Urgent Care Contract.
- Santiago Giraldo, M.D. – This an amendment to an Internal Medicine Contract.
- Jason Zagrodsky, M.D. (CCW, LLC) – This is an amendment to an Electrophysiology Contract.
- Midwest Anesthesia Alliance, LLC – This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.

Bryn Dodd presented the following Medical Directorship Agreement:

- Pablo Feuillet, M.D. – This is a medical directorship agreement for Infection Disease.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

#### **B. Consider Approval of MCH Property Lease**

Bryn Dodd presented the following property lease:

- MCH ProCare – Infectious Disease – This is 3-year property lease agreement.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH Property Lease as presented. The motion carried.

#### **C. Consider Approval of MCH Provider Agreement**

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreement:

- YPS Anesthesia Services – This is an 18-month agreement for anesthesia services.

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

## XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District