



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bryn Dodd, President
Wallace Dunn, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Kathy Rhodes
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Herrera
Don Hallmark
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources
Chaplain Doug Herget
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to 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 Doug Herget 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. Dr. Gary Ventolini with TTUHSC

Russell Tippin, CEO presented Dr. Ventolini with an appreciation plaque from the ECHD Board of Directors recognizing his years of partnership with MCH.

B. July 2021 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Michella Barnes, Operating Room CST
- Non-Clinical – Mary McEwin, Operating Room Divisional Secretary
- Nurse – Blas Dominguez, Operating Room Coordinator

C. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing and Experience Officer introduced the Unit HCAHPS High Performer(s)

- CCU - 100th percentile
- 6 West – 100th percentile

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

- Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2021**
- Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, June 29, 2021**
- Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, May 2021**
- Consider Approval of Annual ECHD Board Committee Appointments by Board President**

David Dunn moved and Wallace 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. Financial Report for Month Ended May 31, 2021

2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Lockton Agreement Renewal
3. Capital Expenditure Request(s)
 - a. Consider Approval of CER for Replacement of Blood Culture Analyzer
 - b. Consider Approval of CER for Lab Upgrade of Hematology Analyzers and Equipment
 - c. Consider Approval of CER for Siemens Symbia Intevo Excel
 - d. Consider Approval of CER for American Well Telehealth Platform
 - e. Consider Approval of CER for Psych-Telehealth Platform
 - f. Consider Approval of CER for Meditronic Temporary Pacemaker
 - g. Consider Approval of CER for Treatment Recliners for Infusion Services Out-Patient Clinic

Bryn Dodd moved and Wallace Dunn 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 provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

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

There has been an uptick in the numbers of COVID patients in the last couple of days.

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

B. Consider Request to Sell Property for Less than Market Value: 218 Park

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the sale of 218 Park for less than market value as presented. The motion carried.

C. Observation Unit Update

Russell Tippin reported that Dr. Singh is launching the program and there is a PowerPoint presentation in the packet.

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

D. HealthSure Annual Insurance Report of Condition

The annual Insurance Report of Condition from HealthSure was provided.

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

E. Consider Moving the September 7th, 2021 Finance Committee and Regular Board Meetings to Thursday, September 9th, 2021.

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to move the September meeting to Thursday, September 9th, 2021. The motion carried.

F. Set Date for Budget Workshop

Russell Tippin suggested setting the Budget Meeting on September 9th, 2021 before the Finance Committee Meeting and Bryn Dodd, ECHD President suggested starting the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Kathy Rhodes moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to set the Budget Meeting on Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The motion carried.

G. CMS Update

Russell Tippin, CEO reported that MCH has an official visit from CMS on June 8, 2021. We were informed that CDC is still in full COVID-19 protocol. MCH modified its policy for mask wearing and once again limited visitation. CMS removed the Immediate Jeopardy designation prior to their departure.

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

H. Ad-hoc Reports

The Regional Services Report was provided.

The Town Hall Meetings went extremely well, there were 9 meetings over the 3-day period and they were well attended.

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

XII. REVIEW AND RATIFY JUNE 8, 2021 MCHS UNIVERSAL MASK POLICY

Pursuant to Article X, Section 10.01 of the MCHS Bylaws, Christin Timmons, CNO requested the Board to ratify the June 8, 2021 MCHS Universal Mask Policy put into place by the CEO.

Wallace Dunn moved and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to ratify the June 8, 2021 MCHS Universal Mask Policy as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. REVIEW AND RATIFY JULY 2, 2021 MCHS VISITATION POLICY

Pursuant to Article X, Section 10.01 of the MCHS Bylaws, Christin Timmons, CNO requested the Board to ratify the July 2, 2021 MCHS Visitation Policy put into place by the CEO.

Wallace Dunn moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to ratify the July 2, 2021 MCHS Visitation Policy as presented. The motion carried.

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) Discussion of Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) 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, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, and Wallace Dunn, and Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, Christin Timmons, Michaela Johnson and Kerstin Connolly.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding MCHS Lease Agreements during Executive Session then was excused.

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

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel and Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer led the board in discussions about the visit and subsequent letter received from CMS during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the Board of Directors in discussions during Executive Session about the agreement with Odessa College.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer reported to the board regarding various employment matters.

Executive Session began at 6:03 pm.
Executive Session ended at 7:40 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Bryn Dodd presented the following amendments:

- Dr. O.T. Garza. This amendment added a Locum follow-up Stipend.

Bryn Dodd presented the following renewal agreements:

- Dr. Getnet Aberra. This is a 3-year renewal for Hospitalist.
- Dr. Meredith Hulsey. This is a 3-year renewal for Pathology.
- Dr. Varuna Nargunan – This is a 3-year renewal for Endocrinology.

- Dr. Timothy Townsend. – This is a 3-year renewal for Radiology.

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreement:

- Lee Ann Garza, N.P. This is a 3 year agreement for Orthopedics.

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

B. Consider Approval of MCHS Lease Agreement

Bryn Dodd presented the following MCHS Lease Agreement:

- Dr. Kadir. This is 3-year Lease Agreement.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the MCHS Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

C. Response to CMS

The Board on its own Motion hereby appoints an Executive Policy Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board under Article VI, § 6.01 or a Special Committee authorized under Article VI, § 6.07. The Board further moves:

The Executive Policy Committee shall meet regularly, and no loess than quarterly, and be chaired by a member of this Board. The President of the Board hereby appoints Bryn Dodd as Chair of this Committee and Mary Lou Anderson and Kathy Rhodes as the other two board members pursuant to this same motion.

The Executive Policy Committee shall be comprised of 3 board members, Chief Executive Officer, 4 representatives from the hospital executive staff (COO, CFO, CMO, CNO), the Compliance Officer and the Chief Legal Counsel.

The Executive Policy Committee shall perform governance and oversight functions regarding system-wide policies of the Hospital, as well as the processes and procedures for implementing system-wide policies at the Hospital, and the appropriate delegation of any authority to specific departments to implement procedures as necessary. The Executive Policy Committee shall report regularly to the board, and no less than twice a year.

David Dunn moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to create the Executive Policy Committee in response to CMS as presented. The motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District