

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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
Richard Herrera
Don Hallmark

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
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources
Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development
Chaplain Farrell Ard
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 5:45 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

Kathy Rhodes presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. MCH AUXILIARY CHECK PRESENTATION TO ODESSA COLLEGE

The MCH Auxiliary presented a \$100,000 check to Dr. Gregory Williams with Odessa College for the new simulation hospital at the new health sciences building.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. September 2021 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Melinda Lewis, Phlebotomist – Regional Lab
- Non-Clinical – Chaplain Doug Herget – Pastoral Care
- Nurse – Tonya Collins, RN – 7C

B. Unit HCAHPS High Performers

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

- Cath Lab
- 4E Post Partum

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, August 3, 2021**
- B. Consider Approval of Emergency Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2021**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, August 24, 2021**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, July 2021**

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera 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 July 31, 2021

2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of the Breakaway PromisePoint Access/Community Services Contract Renewal

3. Capital Expenditure Requests
 - a. Consider Approval of CER for Data Center Backup Expansion
 - b. Consider Approval of CER for Image Mover
 - c. Consider Approval of CER for Medtronic's Customer Optimization Plus Program (Covidien) Agreement
 - d. Ratification of CER for GE Ultrasound
 - e. Consider Approval of CER for Firetrol Alarm Panel
 - f. Consider Approval of CER for BioFire FilmArray TORCH Microbiology Analyzer

4. Consider Approval of Cerner Contract for 2015 CHERT Cures Update/Regulatory Advising Engagement
5. Consider Approval of the 15Five Employee Engagement Survey Agreement
6. Consider Approval of DHG Engagement Letter
7. Consider Approval of UKG Kronos Software Agreement
8. Consider Approval of the MCH ProCare Funding Agreement
9. Consider Approval of the Amendment to the Master Coordinating Agreement with Texas Tech University Health Science Center

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

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC provided an update and thanked MCH for the partnership with TTUHSC. This report was for information only and no action was taken.

XII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Task Force Committee. This agreement is between, and the committee is comprised of all the Ector County taxing entities to facilitate the redirecting of Ector County. This process is done every ten years. The President/CEO of MCH and a board member will serve on the committee.

Wallace Dunn nominated Don Hallmark to represent the ECHD Board on the Joint Task Force Committee, and David Dunn seconded the nomination.

David Dunn moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the agreement and appoint Don Hallmark as the ECHD Board representative. The motion carried.

XIII. REVIEW OF NORTH TEXAS INDIGENT SERVICES INDIGENT CARE AGREEMENT

This agenda item was moved to Executive Session.

XIV. MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM MASS CRITICAL CARE GUIDELINES

This agenda item was moved to Executive Session.

XV. QAPI 2021 GOAL SUMMARY

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing and Patient Experience Officer, presented the FY 2021 Hospital Wide QAPI results summary for the Board to review and approve.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the FY 2021 Hospital Wide QAPI results summary as presented. The motion carried.

XVI. QAPI 2022 APPROVAL GOALS AND SAFETY PLAN

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing and Patient Experience Officer, presented the revised FY 2022 Hospital Wide QAPI Plan for the Board to review and approve.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the FY 2022 Goal Summary as presented. The motion carried.

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing and Patient Experience Officer, presented the Hospital Safety Plans for the Board to review and approve.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Hospital Safety Plans as presented. The motion carried.

XVII. 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 increase in pediatric patients. MCH is working with schools for testing and vaccines. Since September 1st there have been 20 deaths. Of the 90 in-house patients at MCH, 82 are unvaccinated. The President has issued a mandate that OHSA will oversee, requires vaccination or weekly testing. MCH is going on 4 weeks without elective surgeries, patient safety will not be compromised. The 42nd Street Clinic will be closed for a period of time and the staff will be sent to other clinics to work. MCH ran out of vaccines the other day. Boosters will be starting. MCH has requested from the City of Odessa \$4.5M in rescue funds and it has been confirmed that for every dollar spend the City can get reimbursed by the federal government. The same request was made to Ector County, they want 90 days to consider all requests. They have a year to spend the money they have received.

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

B. Consider moving the November 2, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting and Regular Board Meeting to November 1, 2021

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to move the November 2, 2021 meetings to November 1, 2021. The motion carried.

C. Ad-hoc Reports

The Regional Services Report was provided.

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

XVIII.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.; and (3) 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, Don Hallmark, Richard Herrera, Kathy Rhodes, Wallace Dunn, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

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

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

Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager, reported to the Board of Directors the Risk Update during Executive Session then was excused.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel led the Board of Directors in discussions regarding the North Texas Indigent Services Indigent Care Agreement during Executive Session.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the budget, and a professional services agreement during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer and Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, led the board in discussions about the Medical Center Health System Mass Critical Care Guidelines during Executive Session.

**Executive Session began at 6:41 pm.
Executive Session ended at 8:04 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XIX. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCHS Lease Agreements

Bryn Dodd presented the following MCHS Lease Agreements:

- MCH ProCare Orthopedics. This is 3-year Lease Agreement.
- MCH ProCare Internal Medicine. This is a 3-year Lease Agreement.
- MCH ProCare ENT. This is a 3-year Lease Agreement.
- Dr. Adams – Permian Pulmonary. This is a 3-year Lease Agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCHS Lease Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Bryn Dodd presented the following new agreement:

- Suzanna Hewtyy, FNP-C. This is a 3-year agreement for Urgent Care.
- Cordell Cunningham, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Donald Davenport, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Roy Diaz, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Ameen Jamali, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Jeff Pinnow, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.
- Nathaniel Wolkenfeld, M.D. This is a 1-year agreement for Critical Care.

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

C. REVIEW OF NORTH TEXAS INDIGENT SERVICES INDIGENT CARE AGREEMENT

The ECHD Board reviewed the North Texas Indigent Services Indigent Care Agreement with Ector County.

Richard Herrera moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to provide Ector County with a 30-day written notice terminating the agreement. The motion carried.

D. MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM MASS CRITICAL CARE GUIDELINES

The ECHD Board reviewed and discussed the establishment of a MCH Committee to only be activated during a pandemic. This committee would follow the most recent version of the Mass Critical Care Guidelines.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to establish an MCH Committee to oversee the Mass Critical Care Guidelines. Kathy Rhodes abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bryn Dodd adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District