

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 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 (present for part of meeting)

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin
Dr. Martin Ortega, TTUHSC Permian Basin
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY
PRESENT:**

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:32 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

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

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. January 2021 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Trisha Snow, Urgent Care PC Clinic Manager
- Non-Clinical – Terry Mercer, ECHD Police Officer
- Nurse – Heather Burkhalter, RN 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. CHECK PRESENTATION FROM THE HUMAN BEAN TO MCHS FOUNDATION

Maurice Torano with the Human Bean presented a check in the amount of \$10,924.55 to the MCHS Foundation. These are funds raised through their fundraising campaign.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2021**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, November 24, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, December 2020**
- D. Consider Approval of TTUHSC-PB Graduate Medical Education (GME) Annual Report**
- E. Consider Approval of Institutional Review Board (IRB) Annual Report**

Ben Quiroz moved and David Dunn 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 1, FY 2021
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Investment Policy Annual Review and Approval
4. Financial Report for Month Ended December 31, 2020
5. Capital Expenditure Requests
 - a. Consider Approval of EKG Machine
 - b. Consider Approval of Acute Care Med/Surg beds & Critical Care Support Surfaces (mattresses)

Bryn Dodd 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. Gary Ventolini and Dr. Martin Ortega provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

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

A. COVID-19 Update

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

The boosters are coming the week of February 14. There will be a test group done on February 12. We will be out at Ratliff Wednesday – Friday for first shots. The clinics will be handling the boosters and we are planning on administering between 800 – 1000 shots per day.

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

B. Flag Presentation to the Family of Joe Guerra

Russell Tippin presented the Texas Flag that flew at half-staff in honor of Joe Guerra to his family.

C. Consider Network Incentive Program Engagement Agreement

Steve Ewing presented the Network Incentive Program Engagement Agreement to the Board for approval. This agreement is with Gjerset & Lorenz LLP for them to develop, implement and operate a Medicaid managed care incentive program to secure additional Medicaid reimbursement in the MRSA West Medicaid managed care service delivery area.

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Network Incentive Program Engagement Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Ad-hoc Reports

The Regional Services Report was provided. This report was for information only. No action was taken.

E. Strategic Planning Update

Matt Collins provide an update on the Strategic Planning. The dates for the Strategic Planning is set for May 20 – 22, 2021.

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

XIII. 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; and (2)

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, Steve Steen, Adiel Alvarado, Kerstin Connolly, and Michaela Johnson.

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

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer and Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer reported to the Board of Directors during Executive Session. Christin Timmons was excused.

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

Executive Session began at 6:13 pm.
Executive Session ended at 7:03 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Don Hallmark presented the following renewals:

- Santiago Giraldo, M.D. This is a 3-year renewal for Internal Medicine Agreement.
- Jennie Wolfram, CRNA. This a 3-year renewal for Anesthesia Agreement.

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreement:

- Courtney Criswell, P.A. This is a 3-year agreement for Cardiology.

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

C. Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement with Encompass Health

David Dunn moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District