

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
Kathy Rhodes
Will Kappauf
David Dunn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing 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 Richard Herrera was absent. His absence was excused.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget 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

Will Kappauf presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. January 2025 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the January 2025 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Jeremy Wayne Hild
- Non-Clinical – Daniela Torres
- Nurse – Agnes A. Villarajo

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- ProCare Family Medicine – Golder

C. 2024 Associates of the Year

- Dr. H.E. Hestand Humanitarian Award: Meagan Parker, RN
- Florence Nightingale Award: Lakesha Caufield, RN
- Chaplain Jimmy Wilson Service Excellence Award: John Arredondo
- Ted Crowe People's Choice Award: Audra Cullison

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, December 3, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, November 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Investment Policy Annual Review**

Don Hallmark moved, and Will Kappauf 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 November 30, 2024
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Additional Funds for Airgas.
 - b. Consider Approval of VMware Software License Support Renewal.
 - c. Consider Approval of Additional Funds for Sophie PET Radiopharmaceuticals.
 - d. Consider Approval of Additional Funds for Pylarify PET Radiopharmaceuticals.
 - e. Consider Approval of Neonatal Transporter – CMN Funding Approved.

3. Consider Approval of Cyber Vault Backup Solution Purchase.

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 December 19, 2024 to review and approve sixteen (16) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

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

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

XII. QAPI PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, presented the Annual Review of QAPI Plan for 2025 to the Board for approval.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the QAPI Plan for 2025 as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. INFECTION PREVENTION PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, presented the Annual Review of the Infection Prevention Plan for 2025 to the Board for approval.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Infection Prevention Plan for 2025 as presented. The motion carried.

XIV. PATIENT SAFETY PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, presented the Annual Review of the Patient Safety Plan for 2025 to the Board for approval.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Patient Safety Plan for 2025 as presented. The motion carried.

XV. PATIENT SAFETY SURVEY RESULTS FOR REVIEW

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, presented the Patient Safety Survey results for the Board to review.

This information was informational only. No action was taken.

XVI. DESIGNEE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION PRACTICES – BRENDA DALRYMPLE

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, requested the board appoint Brenda Dalrymple as the Infection Prevention Practices designee for Medical Center Hospital.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to appoint Brenda Dalrymple as the Infection Prevention Practices designee. The motion carried.

XVII. DESIGNEE TO LEAD HOSPITAL WIDE QAPI PROGRAM – KYLE VAUGHT

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience Officer, requested the board appoint Kyle Vaught as the Hospital Wide QAPI Program Lead for Medical Center Hospital.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to appoint Kyle Vaught as the Hospital Wide QAPI Program Lead. The motion carried.

XVIII. ORDER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Order of Election for ECHD District 1, 3, 5 and 7.

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Order of Election as presented. The motion carried.

XIX. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT AND ACTIONS

A. Tax Election / ESD Discussion

No report was given.

B. Humana Advantage Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that the Humana Contract expired as of December 31, 2024, so MCH is now out-of-network, as are the other TPC hospitals.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Ad hoc Reports

A Newsweek article was provided to the Board Members, showing Ector County is 5th in the Nation for residents not having insurance coverage.

An update on the Diabetes Clinic was provided by Grant Trollope.

The Regional Services Update and the Communications & Marketing Update were provided in the board packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XX. 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; (2) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) to receive the Compliance Report from the Chief Compliance Officer pursuant to Section 161.032 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

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

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCHS Property Lease agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session,

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the ECHD Board about the sealed bids received for the 42nd Street Clinic sale.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President led the board in discussion about surgery block time.

Russell Tippin, CEO, and Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the Board in discussions about establishing a PAC.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the ECHD Board in discussion about FOIA requests.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal, were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

The ECHD Board members engaged in discussions about legal matters with Chief Legal Counsel.

Executive Session began at 6:12 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XXI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Eduardo Salcedo, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Wound Care Contract.
- Eduardo Morfa Romero, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Infectious Disease Contract.

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

B. Consider Approval of MCHS Lease Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following MCHS Lease Agreements:

- MCH ProCare – WSMP Suite 300 – This is a three (3) year property lease agreement.
- Dr. Carl Brown – This is a one (1) year property lease agreement.

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

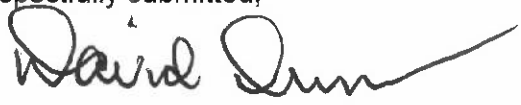
C. Consider the Sale of the 42nd Street Property.

No action was taken.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors