



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 7, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Chief of Staff
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 5:33 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 ATTENDENCE/ABSENCES

Wallace Dunn called roll, and all members were present.

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

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

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. May 2024 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the April 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Quinn Robert Heath
- Non-Clinical – Amy Sanchez
- Nurse – Bailey Jo Burrows

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- FHC West OB
- Dr. Mandeep Othee
- Dr. Stephanie Kubacak

C. Desert Doc Series

Dr. Sudip Bose, along with a few other individuals were recognized for the work done on the Desert Doc Series.

D. Children's Miracle Network

Samantha Serrano, Program Manager for the Children's Miracle Network was recognized by the National CMN organization for the increasing the fundraising efforts by five percent (5%) in her first year.

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, April 2, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, April 23, 2024**

D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, March 2024

Kathy Rhodes 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 2, FY 2024
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended March 31, 2024
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Citrix Platform Hardware License Support Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of ChemAqua Contract Renewal – Water Treatment Program
 - c. Consider Approval of Trane Contract Renewal
 - d. Consider Approval of Medical Physics Consultants Agreement Renewal
 - e. Consider Approval of Baxter Dose Edge Agreement Renewal
 - f. Consider Approval of Vero Biotech Agreement Renewal
5. Consider Approval of Current Media Contract
6. Consider Approval of 4C Telemetry Upgrade

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 April 25, 2024 to review and approve four (4) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

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

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC, provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report. This report was for information only, and no action was taken.

XII. RESOLUTION

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following resolution to the board for approval:

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ector County Hospital District (“the Hospital District”) suffered and continues to suffer harm as a result of the ongoing opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital District intends to accept money distributed to the Hospital District by the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (“the Council”) under Texas Government Code Section 403.508(a)(2) and 34 Texas Administrative Code Section 16.222, and use that money to remediate the opioid crisis.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESOLVES:

Section 1. That Russell Tippin, President/CEO, has the authority to act on behalf of the Hospital District in all matters related to the above-mentioned money distributed by the Council to the Hospital District, including the authority to sign all official documents related to the distribution;

Section 2. That all the above-mentioned money received from the Council by the Hospital District will be used:

(a) to remediate the opioid crisis, including providing assistance in one or more of the following categories: treatment and coordination of care; prevention and public safety; recovery support services; or workforce development and training; or

(b) if a court order or settlement agreement requires the money to be used for one or more specific purposes, for a permissible use provided by that court order or settlement agreement.

Section 3. That the Hospital District will return to the Council all the above-mentioned money received from the Council by the Hospital District in the event of loss or misuse of such money.

Section 4. That if there is a change of authorized official, the Hospital District will submit to the director of the Council a new resolution from the Hospital District's governing body that contains the information required under 34 Texas Administrative Code Section 16.222(i)(1).

Section 5. That this resolution takes effect immediately after its passage.

PASSED and APPROVED on May 7, 2024.



Wallace Dunn, Board President



Don Hallmark, Board Vice President

ATTESTED:


David Dunn, Board Secretary

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

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

A. Dr. Hulseley - Update

Dr. Hulseley, Chief Medical Officer, provided the Board with dates of several events that are coming up:

- The board member and physician breakfast meeting – 5/8/24, 7/25/24, 9/11/24, and 11/7/24
- The Recognition Lunch for UR/Case Managers – 5/16/24 in the MCH Boardroom from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Texas Tech Resident Orientation – 6/27/24 in the MCH Boardroom starting at 5:00 pm

Dr. Hulseley reported that a new committee to engage Texas Tech students is being formed. Members are Tina Leal, Hannah Vessels, Amy Sanchez and Mallori Hutson.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Ad hoc Reports

The Medical Center Health System Foundation report was provided in the board packet.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XIV. 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 Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 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, Will Kappauf, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Dr. John Dorman addressed the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session about the amount of compensation he is receiving for Neurology Trauma On-Call pay and requested an increase to \$3,000 per day, and then he was excused from the remainder of executive session.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session, and then he was excused from the remainder of executive session. Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, was excused from the remainder of executive session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH property leases to the Board of Directors during Executive Session, and then he was excused from the remainder of executive session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about the bylaws committee.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discuss about the PBMC (Beacon) Board positions ECHD has.

Russell Tippin, President, and Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discussion about the Steward Health financial situation.

Executive Session began at 6:03 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:12 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session

XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Mary Jane Dunaway, CRNA. – This a three (3) year Anesthesia Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Antonyos Mahfoud, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Critical Care Contract.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera 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 property leases:

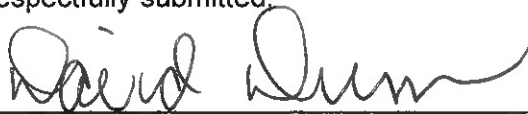
- West Texas Neurology Clinic, P.A (Dr. Joseph Abijay) – This is a 3-year property lease
- Permian Arthritis and Rheumatology Center (Dr. Mukkera) – This is a 3-year property lease

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors