

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 2, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bryn Dodd

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive 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 5:30 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 there was one member absent: Bryn Dodd 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. July 2024 Associates of the Month**

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

- Clinical – Brenda M. Pangan
- Non-Clinical – Janett L. Franco
- Nurse – Sonya Garcia

### **B. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

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

- Dr. Fernando Boccalandro
- Dr. Sindhu Kaitha
- FHC West Family Medicine

## **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, June 4, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, June 25, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, May 2024**
- D. Consider Approval of Annual ECHD Board Committee Appointments by Board President**

Don Hallmark, 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 May 31, 2024
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Lockton Agreement Renewal
3. Consider Approval of UMR Administrative Services Agreement

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 June 27, 2024 to review and approve three (3) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

Kathy Rhodes 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**

No report was provided.

**XII. 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 is scheduled for 7/18/24.
- The last PLDI is complete and the next group will be starting in September.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

**B. HealthSure Annual Insurance Report of Condition**

The HealthSure Annual Insurance Report of Condition was provided in the board packet.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

**C. Annual Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statements – ECHD Board Members**

The Annual Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statements were provided and signed by each member that was present.

**D. Joint Survey**

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience & Quality Officer, reported that the Total Hip and Joint Survey was completed and went well.

**E. Ad hoc Reports**

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience & Quality Officer, reported that the Leapfrog scores will be coming out.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported that MCH is looking at a Fall rollout for the mobile app. The current vendor is Tonic, but the team is looking at NThrive because it has more capabilities.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

### **XIII. 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, 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.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the On-Call agreement for Pediatric Cardiology to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, presented the On-Call agreements for Neurology to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, was excused from the remainder of executive session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board that the draft of the bylaws will be sent out to the board.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about the November election.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about a path to being a Level II Trauma Center.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions about an OIG repayment during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board about a Cardiology overpayment issue.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board about two compliance investigations.

Board members, Kathy Rhodes and Don Hallmark, reported to the board that they have been contacted by retirees and they are requesting a meeting.

Wallace Dunn, Board President and Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about relocation expenses.

**Executive Session began at 5:51 p.m.**  
**Executive Session ended at 7:09 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

#### **XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.**

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Varuna Nargunan, M.D. – This a three (3) year Endocrinology Contract.
- Mandeep Othee, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Pain Management Contract

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Morgan Caughlin, D.O. – This a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Lincy Sakwa, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Janie Lopez, PA – This is a three (3) year Cardiology Contrat.
- Sagarika Sayavada, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Gastroenterology Contract.
- Jemimah Omavuezi, PA – This is a one (1) year Cardiology Contract.

Richard Herrera moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

##### **B. Consider Approval of On-Call Agreements**

Wallace Dunn presented the following on-call agreements:

- John Dorman, M.D. – This is a 3-year neurosurgery and spinal on-call agreement.
- Macaulay Nwojo, M.D. - This is a 3-year neurosurgery and spinal on-call agreement.
- Victor Levy, M.D. – This a 1-year Pediatric Cardiology on-call agreement.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the On-Call Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

##### **C. Consider Approval of Settlement Agreement**

Richard Herrera moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to authorize a settlement agreement with the OIG up to the amount of \$400,000.00. The motion carried.

##### **D. CEO Agreement**

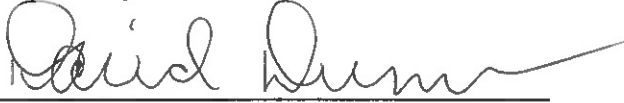
Wallace Dunn recommended approval pursuant to an oral agreement between the ECHD Board and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, to reimburse relocation costs up to \$10,000.00.

Richard Herrera moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to reimburse relocation expenses up to \$10,000.00. The motion carried.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dunn", written over a horizontal line.

David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors