

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Thompson, President  
David Dunn, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
Bryn Dodd  
Don Hallmark  
Ben Quiroz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Richard Herrera

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rick Napper, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Tony Ruiz, Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer  
Robert Abernethy, Interim Sr. V.P./Chief Financial Officer  
Chad Dunavan, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer  
Gary Barnes, Senior Vice President/Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Fernando Bocalandro, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Vice Chief of Staff  
Ron Griffin, Vice President/Chief Legal Counsel  
Jan Ramos, ECHD Board Secretary  
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin  
Various other interested members of the  
Medical Staff, Employees, and Citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Thompson, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Thompson noted that ECHD Board member Richard Herrera's absence from the meeting was considered excused because of medical treatments.

**II. INVOCATION**

Chaplain Farrell Ard offered the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mary Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

#### **IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM**

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

#### **V. 2017 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Napper introduced the 2017 Employees of the Year as follows:

- Dr. H.E. Hestand Humanitarian Award: Jesus (Jesse) Dominguez, Service Coordinator, Cath Lab
- Florence Nightingale Award: Albino Gelera, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care
- Chaplain Jimmy Wilson Service Excellence Award: Lisa Enriquez, Benefits Coordinator, Human Resources

#### **VI. JANUARY 2018 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Napper introduced the January 2018 Employees of the Month as follows:

- Clinical: Yolanda Munoz, Medical Assistant, MCH ProCare Vascular Surgery
- Non-Clinical: Joe McBride, Sr. Financial System Analyst, Information Technology
- Nurse: Donna Sitchon, Clinical RN, Neo Natal ICU

#### **VII. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

##### **Regular Meeting – December 5, 2017**

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular ECHD Board meeting held December 5, 2017 and the Special Meeting held November 16, 2017 as presented. The motion carried.

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Finance Committee**

1. Financials for month ended November 30, 2017

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the financial report for the period ended November 30, 2017, as recommended to the ECHD Board of Directors by the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

2. Capital Expense Request - PremierConnect Budgeting and Financial Reporting Solution

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the PremierConnect Budgeting and Financial Reporting Solution as presented to the Finance Committee. The agreement was approved by the Finance Committee, contingent on the agreement containing a provision regarding transfer of knowledge to system staff, and after obtaining references from other institutions.

Mary Thompson noted that in the future she would like to have a Request for Proposal issued with responses from three vendors. The motion carried.

**B. Executive Committee**

Mary Thompson reported that the Executive Committee met on December 15, 2017, and approved a resolution that appointed Robert Abernethy, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer as the ECHD Investment Officer.

Bryn Dodd moved and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to ratify the resolution by the Executive Committee, appointing Robert Abernethy as ECHD Investment Officer. The motion carried.

**IX. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT**

Dr. Ventolini provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

**X. NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

Rick Napper explained a new committee he has formed, the Physician Transaction Review Committee (PTRC). This committee will review all physician recruitment and physician practice purchase agreements. Mr. Napper requested two ECHD Board members be included in this committee. Mary Thompson, ECHD Board President, appointed herself and Bryn Dodd to the PTRC.

**XI. REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR BYLAWS COMMITTEE AND MCH/TECH COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

With the resignation of Adela Vasquez, a position was vacated on the Bylaws Committee and the MCH/Tech Coordinating Committees. Mary Thompson, ECHD Board President, appointed Richard Herrera as the replacement on both committees.

**XII. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/REQUEST TO SEE PROPERTY**

Don Hallmark presented a "Request for a decision from the Ector County Hospital District to sell property for less than market value specified in the judgment of foreclosure and also less than the total amount of judgments against the property". With approval, this property in Goldsmith will be sold for \$8,000.00 of which the Ector County Hospital District will receive approximately \$135.45. The advantage to the District is that upon sale, the property will return to the tax rolls.

Don Hallmark moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Interlocal agreement. The motion carried.

**XIII. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**A. President/Chief Executive Officer Transition Update**

Rick Napper, President/Chief Executive Officer presented an update on his transition. This included his focus on the following seven areas of emphasis:

- Organizational Structure
- Finance
- Revenue Cycle
- Supply Chain Management
- Managed Care
- Labor/Productivity
- Service Line Management

He also gave an update on the number of meetings and introductions he has had during his first three weeks at Medical Center Health System. This presentation was for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

#### **B. Investment Policy Annual Review and Approval**

Robert Abernethy presented the Ector County Hospital District's investment policy for annual review and reaffirmation. There were no changes proposed to the policy and it remains in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to reaffirm the investment policy as presented. The motion carried.

#### **C. MRO Release of Information (ROI) Online® Agreement**

Marva Rothmeier presented the MRO Release of Information (ROI) Online® Agreement. MRO will provide ROI services for MCHS and MCH ProCare, processing requests for copies of Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by HIPAA. This will reduce the backlog of requests, reduce the time necessary to receive records, and increase patient satisfaction.

Ben Quiroz moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the MRO Release of Information (ROI) Online® Agreement. The motion carried.

### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mary Thompson stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the Meeting held in closed session as to (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, including litigation update on *Chauncie Davis v. MCH*; *Elisha Washington v. MCH*; *John Presley v. MCH*, et al. and any potential/contemplated litigation claims, (2) Deliberate and discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, (3) Provide an update on the employment of a Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Strategy and Business Development pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, (4) Update on negotiation for health care product lines and services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

Those present during Executive Session to deliberate related to **Section 551.071**, **Section 551.072**, **Section 551.074** and **Section 551.085** included Mary Thompson, David Dunn, Mary Lou Anderson, Bryn Dodd, Don Hallmark, Ben Quiroz, Rick Napper, Robert Abernethy, Ron Griffin, Robbi Banks, and Jan Ramos.

**Executive Session began at 6:20 pm.**  
**Executive Session ended at 7:46 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mary Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Ramos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jan Ramos, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors