



MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Open Session Minutes
August 28, 2024**

The Board of Directors of Moore County Hospital District met on the above date in the Boardroom of Moore County Hospital District. Mr. John Frantz, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm, with the following Board Members in attendance: Ms. Stacey Grall, Mr. Russell Fangman, Mr. Tom Moore, and Mr. Ben Maples. Dr. Carmen Purl attended remotely via Microsoft Teams. Also in attendance was Mr. Jeff Turner, CEO, and Ms. Ashley Smith, Recording Secretary. A list of other guests in attendance is recorded on the official meeting attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no members of the public presenting for comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to approve the July 17, 2024 Open Session Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action:

Mr. Russell Fangman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL AGENDA:

Administrator's Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Jeff Turner, MCHD CEO, reviewed the report with the Board, consisting of the following: an update on the hospital facility project including upcoming renovations to existing spaces; an update on the multispecialty clinic project; an update on transfers versus admissions and swing bed admissions; an update on CAHPS performance; an update on the Custom Learning Systems initiative including Service Excellence Advisors, a recent Leadership Empowerment Survey, and ongoing Executive Patient Welcome Rounds; information pertaining to the return of Ms. Kathie Fuston as Executive Director of the Moore County Health Foundation; an update on the closure of Memorial Home Health; information pertaining to bi-annual rounding on staff by the CEO; an update on the Guardian program; information pertaining to physician compensation adjustments; information pertaining to physician contract renewals; an update on MCHD turnover; information pertaining to PIC report improvements; information pertaining to DSHS designating MCHD's Women's Services as "Distinguished" in its newborn hearing screening program; information pertaining to a recent state patient complaint investigation; information pertaining to a recent visit by Dr. Craig Rosenberg; an update on recent grants awarded to MCHD; information pertaining to the upcoming 2024 financial audit; an update on upfront cash collections; an update on the 340(b) Roger's Pharmacy settlement; information pertaining to employee bad debts; information pertaining to a recent executive order by Governor Greg Abbott; information pertaining to the recent MCHF Harvest; information pertaining to additional involvement in the community by the CEO; information pertaining to the recent THT Governance Conference; and upcoming dates of Medical Staff meetings for Board attendance. Attached to



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the report were: the admissions versus transfers reports and swing bed admissions reports; the MCHD Scorecard; the CareSay organization summary report; an email pertaining to the DSHS Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI) program; and information pertaining to the recent executive order by Governor Greg Abbott.

Ms. Yessenia Longoria, MCHD CNO, demonstrated the use of one of the two new AccuVein machines that were provided to the District by the Moore County Health Foundation.

Ms. Kathie Fuston, Executive Director of the Moore County Health Foundation reported on the result of the 2024 Harvest and fall semester scholarship applications.

Chief of Staff Report:

Discussion:

Dr. Stephanie Diehlmann, Chief of Staff, reported the following to the Board: Medical Staff appointments as listed on the Approval Agenda, item "c"; the Critical Tests and Critical Values Policy as listed on Approval Agenda, item "d"; a recent visit from Dr. Rosenberg, Medical Director of the Concord Medical Group; and an update on Dr. Knight as MCHD's Hospitalist Medical Director.

Medical Staff Appointments:

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to approve the medical staff appointments as presented. Dr. Carmen Purl seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Critical Tests and Critical Values Policy:

Action:

Ms. Stacey Grall moved to approve the Critical Values as presented. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Opioid Allocation Resolution:

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to approve the Opioid Allocation Resolution as presented. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Abatement Request for Bible Baptist Development:

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to approve a three-year tax abatement for the Bible Baptist property development as presented and noted that this motion is not to set precedent for any future possible tax abatements and is specific only to this particular instance. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion. Dr. Carmen Purl voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Russell Fangman voted against the motion. Ms. Stacey Grall abstained from the vote due to a possible perceived conflict of interest. The motion carried.

2024/2025 Tax Rate Discussion:

Action:

The Board discussed proposed tax rates for 2024/2025. Mr. Ben Maples motioned that the Board consider the rollback rate of 0.240911/\$100, which is an increase from prior year's rate of 0.228680/\$100. The consideration leading to this motion was the trend of an increasing amount of uncompensated care over the past few years which would result in an estimated deficit of \$475,000 if the rate were to remain the same as prior year. The proposed rate of 0.240911/\$100 would also result in a deficit, but at an estimated \$88,663.16.



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Ms. Stacy Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The MCHD Board will hold a public tax hearing on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 8:00am in the Hospital Boardroom. Barring no changes, the proposed rate will be voted on for adoption at the September 25, 2024 Board meeting.

The Board of Directors adjourned into Closed Session at 2:52pm and reconvened into Open Session at 4:00pm in order to take action on the following items:

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Closed Session Minutes of 07/17/2024

Action: Ms. Stacey Grall moved to approve the July 17, 2024 Closed Session Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Justin Corbin, MD, Employment Contract

Action: Mr. Tom Moore moved to approve the employment contract of Dr. Justin Corbin, Family Medicine, as presented. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Eric Higgins, DPM, Employment Contract

Action: Mr. Tom Moore moved to approve the employment contract of Dr. Eric Higgins, Podiatrist, as presented. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Action: Mr. Tom Moore moved to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting at 4:02pm. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell Fangman".

Mr. Russell Fangman, Board Secretary
09/25/2024

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