



MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Session Minutes

February 26, 2025

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. Tom Moore, Mr. Shannon Gillespie, and Mr. Ben Maples. Dr. Carmen Purl attended virtually. Also in attendance was Mr. Jeff Turner, MCHD CEO, and Ms. Ashley Smith, Recording Secretary. A list of other guests in attendance is recorded on the official meeting attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Brandon Cox, Executive Director of the Dumas Economic Development Corporation, presented information to the Board regarding the recent request for the tax abatement on the Somerton Plaza improvement. He requested the board to reconsider putting the action item back on the agenda or to allow for a presentation from the DEDC to provide more information to the Board about the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action:

Mr. Shannon Gillespie moved to approve the January 22, 2025 Open Session Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action:

Mr. Tom Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Shannon Gillespie 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 regarding the status of the HB Construction close-out effort; ongoing renovations to existing spaces including the Chapel, classroom, and various office spaces; an update on the multispecialty clinic project specific to steps in the feasibility study; information pertaining to recent morning schedule changes at the Family Health Clinic to accommodate more walk in patients; an update on physician/provider recruitment including a visit by Drs. Singh, Nephrologist, and Patel, Critical Care, and the recruitment of an orthopedic mid-level provider for the Bone & Joint Clinic; information pertaining to the District's participation in the CLS Swing Bed Academy and the results the initiative is seeing; an update on the upcoming implementation of inpatient dialysis services; an update on transfers versus admissions from the ED; information pertaining to current focuses at the Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center including improving census and service opportunities; an update on overall transfers versus admissions and seeing bed admissions; an update on District CAHPS performance; an update on the hire of Ms. Audra McComas as MNRC Administrator; information pertaining to the February employee newsletter; an update on the community clinical nurse educator discussion; information pertaining to a recent year one CLS initiative audit; information pertaining to recent employee rounding by the CEO; an update on MCHD turnover; information pertaining to MCHD's performance in the NRHA/CHARTIS Rural Hospital Performance Index; information pertaining to a recent meeting addressing community responses should Moore County see a measles outbreak; information pertaining to a recent visit by Dr. Baline Womack, Concord Medical Director; information pertaining to the recent tax abatement request and request for a follow up discussion; information pertaining to recent grants applications including grants awarded, applications submitted, applications that have passed first vote/ approved to apply/ application in progress, and upcoming 2025 grants where the cycle is not yet open for applications; information pertaining to recent requests for MCHD collaboration



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by Texas A&M Ag Extension Service, Herman Memorial Health System, and Panhandle Coalition of Health Services; an update on upfront cash collections; information pertaining to additional involvement in the community by the CEO; upcoming dates of Medical Staff meetings for Board attendance; and dates of the 2025 annual Texas Healthcare Governance Conference for Board member reference. Attached to the report were: the MCHD Scorecard; the admissions versus transfers reports; the swing bed admissions reports; the CLS accountability audit; and the February Employee Newsletter.

Ms. Audra McComas, MNRC Administrator, reported to the Board the following: MNRC currently has 28 residents in census with one additional currently in the hospital; that MCRC is licensed for 56 residents; that she is looking at initiatives to maximize the nursing home's story in the community, keep up with the costs of living, and keep up with changes to Medicaid to maximize reimbursement rate; and that she has scheduled a meeting later in the week to discuss with other departments what is going well and to address issues in order to fine tune processes and procedures.

Ms. Kathie Fuston, MCHF Executive Director, reported to the Board the following: information pertaining to the upcoming Annual Sporting Clays Tournament which will support the purchase of blanket and infusion warming cabinets for the Districts.

Chief of Staff Report:

Discussion:

Dr. Stella Tan, Chief of Staff, reported to the Board on the following: the Medical Staff appointments as listed on the Approval Agenda, item "c"; the progress of the Chief Medical Officer search with two possible candidates; and information on the recommendation of the Utilization Management Plan and listed on Approval Agenda, item "e".

Medical Staff Appointments:

Action:

Ms. Stacey Grall moved to approve the medical staff appointments as presented. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bid on Struck Off Property – Lot 37, Double Diamond Estates, Moore Co, TX:

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to accept the bid as presented. Ms. Stacey Grall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Utilization Management Plan:

Action:

Ms. Stacey Grall moved to approve the Utilization Management plan as presented. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Removal of Galeana Huggenberger from MNRC Trust & Activity Accounts:

Action:

Mr. Shannon Gillespie moved to remove Ms. Galeana Huggenberger from the Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Trust and Activity Accounts due to her departure from the organization. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Addition of Audra McComas to MNRC Trust & Activity Accounts:

Action:

Mr. Shannon Gillespie moved to add Ms. Audra McComas to the Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Trust and Activity Accounts due to her recent addition to the organization. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors adjourned into Closed Session at 2:24pm and reconvened into Open Session at 4:42pm in order to take action on the following items:

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Closed Session Minutes of 01/22/2025

Action:

Mr. Tom Moore moved to approve the January 22, 2025 Closed Session Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Ben Maples seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



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Compliance Report

Action:

Mr. Shannon Gillespie moved to approve the Compliance Report as presented by Ms. Ashleigh Wiswell, MCHD Compliance Officer. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Action:

Mr. Ben Maples moved to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting at 5:04pm. Mr. Tom Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.


Mr. Russell Fangman, Board Secretary
03/26/2025


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