

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday February 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Kevin Bunch, Cynthia Cooper, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Javier Vallejo, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Dr. Trevor Rohm; Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Black offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Black made a motion to approve the January 27, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

4. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reported for period ending January 31, 2022.

Mr. Vallejo presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending January 31, 2022. The district had a net loss of \$56,298 for the month but is currently reporting a \$5,705,552 gain for the year. Mr. Woodard made a motion to accept January 31, 2022 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion carried.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

Corridor Project Update

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update on the corridor project. The project started slow, but we are seeing movement. It should speed up more in the coming weeks.

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief updated to the board on the recruitment of providers for our clinic. The district continues to search for an FPOB. Texas Tech Surgeons and Dr. Tran continue to see patients and with our two new nurse practitioners, Olga Prieto and Katie Pemberton our clinic and hospital continue to be busy. Mr. Barnhart answered questions from the board

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Clements, and Dr. Trevor Rohm gave an update on COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be administered in the clinic. DSCHD is up to date on our COVID-19 Vaccine

mandate for CMS and our surveyors. All employees have been vaccinated or have an exemption on file.

Rural Community Health Collaborative/Rural Community Paramedicine Project

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update on our rural community health collaborative project. He explained the purpose and the outcome with a successful project. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and from the board.

HRSA Respiratory Therapy Training Grant

Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Smith gave an update on our HRSA respiratory therapy training grant through UMC. There are fifteen hospitals participating.

**Chief Nursing Officers Report – Mrs. Smith
Hospital Clinical Department Update**

Mrs. Smith gave a brief update on the staffing issues at the facility along with drug shortages. The board asked questions and voiced concerns about the issue. Mrs. Smith answered all questions and concerns.

Rural Nursing Collaborative Update

Mr. Smith gave an update on the rural nursing collaborative. She answered questions from the board.

Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. We have slowed down over the last couple of weeks. The district has decreased inpatients and our clinic/outpatient has increased. With the summer months approaching, it is typically slow across the district.

Executive Session

At 6:17 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.071 and Health and Safety Code 161.032 and Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code 161.032 & 161.0315 and Tex. Occup. Code 160.007; Tex. 551074, 551.078 & 551.089 – Presentation of Quality Reports. At 6:35 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman