

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

**Directors present:** Tanner Black, 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.; Dr. Trevor Rohm, Medical Director; Patsy Smith, DSCHD Human Resource Director.

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**1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation**

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invitation.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bunch made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

**4. Chief Financial Officers Report**

**Review and approve financial statements and statistical reported for period ending February 28, 2021.**

Mr. Vallejo presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending February 28, 2022. For the month, the district had a net loss of \$679,273, but is currently reporting a \$4,373,604 gain for the year. Mr. Black made a motion to accept February 2021 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cooper. Motion carried.

**Review and approve Presentation of the Financial Year End Audit – Debra Whitley, BKD.**

Deborah Whitley, CPA, BKD, LLP presented the audit. She answered questions from the board regarding several audit items. Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Chief Executive Officers Report**

**Physician Recruitment**

Mr. Barnhart reported on physician recruitment. He has signed with a second recruiting firm and has one phone interview scheduled. He reported that the c-section aspect of the position that causing challenges. The plan is to have three Family Practice/OB's that are credentialed to provide c-section coverage,

**Hospital/Clinic connector corridor project**

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update on the project and the timeline for the project's bids and start date. One item of note was the price increase of construction materials. He then took questions from the board relating to the project. General comments were made by the board regarding the need for this project.

**6. Chief Nursing Officer Report – Mrs. Smith**  
**Hospital Clinical Department update,**

Mrs. Smith reported on staffing shortages in various departments. She mentioned that they still exist but there have been some nurses hired. She also reported on staffing agencies and prevailing rates.

**7. 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 month or two. The district has decreased inpatients and our clinic/outpatient has increased. The summer months the district is typically slow across the district.

**Executive Session**

At 6:45 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. At 7:05 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black.

The following action was taken:

Mr. Bunch made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

**Initial Appointment: Provisional Status**

Downing, Karlan, MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)

Durgin, Jeffrey, MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)

Tillotson, Nathan, DO – OB/GYN (Red Flag)

Wang, Bruce, DO – OB/GYN (Red Flag)

**Reappointment –**

**Active Status**

Johnson, Howard, MD – FPOB

**Courtesy Status**

Elhardt, Mary, MD – Emergency Medicine

**Consulting Status**

Andrew, John, MD – Radiology

Bailey, April, MD – Radiology

Clark, Crandon, MD – Radiology

Cox, Lane, MD – Cardiology

Hashmi, Arouji, MD – Radiology

Hall, Michael, MD – Radiology

Hurly, James, MD – Pathology

Shah, Rakesh, MD – Radiology

Waugh, Kimberly, MD – Radiology

Zarian, Lawrence, MD – Radiology

**Voluntary Resignations**

Algilani, DO – Emergency Medicine

Aragon, Gary, DO – Radiology

Babham, David, MD – Cardiology

Chamblee, Cobra, DO – Emergency Medicine  
Failes, Lori, DO – Emergency Medicine  
Hansen, Caom, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Kanase, Padmaneel, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Sexton, Jonathon, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Shokr, Aimanm, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Stewart, Holly, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Thetford, David, DO – Emergency Medicine  
Trevino, Jaime, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Zarr, Shawn, MD – Emergency Medicine

**Allied Health Initial**

**Reappointment**

Briones, Mary Ellen, NP – Nurse Practitioner  
Miranda, Rosa, NP – Nurse Practitioner  
Williams, Michelle, NP – Nurse Practitioner

**Voluntary Resignations**

Jones, Lauren, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Adjournment**

Mrs. Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Cooper seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.



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Mike Schuler, Board Chairman