

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 5:30pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Tim Laws, Chris Woodard, Uriel Villa.

Other attendees: Candice Smith, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Kristin Delossantos, Interim CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm; Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

Kevin Bunch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. Mr. Bunch led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the November 30, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

4. Chief Financial Officers Report

Presentation of financial statements.

Mr. Gafford presented two months of financial information (November 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023). The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. Stats show a declining inpatient census and an increasing outpatient volume. Financial indicators continue to show a strong days cash on hand and current ratio. The month ended November 30, 2023 was a net loss of (\$211,661) and the year end was a net gain of \$32,254, while the month ended December 31, 2023 was a net loss of \$(148,087) and a year loss of (\$115,833). After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Villa made a motion to accept the financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

TexBuy

Mrs. Smith presented TexBuy, a cooperative purchasing program for goods and services, through the adoption of a Board resolution authorizing the District to enter into an Interlocal agreement with Region 16 Education Service Center. After presenting the agreement, the board would like to table the discussion until next month so Mrs. Smith could speak with our HISD superintendent about the agreement presented.

Review Deaf Smith County Hospital District Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria

The board looked over and discussed the District's Tax Abatement guidelines and criteria agreement and decided the agreement looks good.

Mule Deer Solar, LLC and Terra Blanco Solar, LLC

Mr. Bunch presented the board the amended tax abatements, Mule Deer, LLC and Tierra Blanco, LLC. Both solar companies were discussed, and the board agreed to table both amendments until the District receives more details from the companies and/or attorney.

6. Chief Nursing Officer Report

Mrs. Delossantos gave the board a brief update on staffing and nursing. Also, she informed the board starting February 1, 2024, the District will be collecting all Chronic Care Management (CCM). The board asked questions relating to the staffing and the CCM program.

7. Medical Staff

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. We have slowed down over the last two months and due to the late influenza cases Dr Rohm anticipates an increase across the district for the following months.

Executive Session

At 6:32 pm, Mr. Bunch 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 Tex. Gov't Code 551.074. Also, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 Personnel Matter. At 7:04 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Woodard. The following action was taken:

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

December 2023 Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

Haq, Imran MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)
Atchison, Robert MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)
Chumak, Bogdan MD - Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)
Estrada, Eric - Emergency Medicine
Ogunleye, Sesan MD - Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)

Reappointment – Active Status

Johnson, Howard, MD – Family Medicine

Courtesy Status

Childers, Manon MD – Emergency Medicine
Wang, Bruce, DO – OB/GYN

Consulting Status

Crandon, Clark MD – Radiology
Bailey, April MD – Radiology
Andrew, John MD – Radiology
Zarian, Lawrence MD – Radiology
Hurly, James MD – Pathology
Cox, Lane MD – Cardiology

Voluntary Resignations

Downing, Karlan MD – Emergency Medicine
Durgin, Jeffrey MD - Emergency Medicine
Frazier, William MD – Emergency Medicine
Mahmoud, Nevine MD – Emergency Medicine
Orette, Austin MD - Emergency Medicine
Peterson, Michael MD - Emergency Medicine
Waugh, Kimberley MD - Radiology

Allied Health – Provisional

Sandoval, Jeannette NP – Nurse Practitioner

Reappointment

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

January 2024 Initial Appointment – Provisional Status

Iiuore, Joseph MD – Emergency Medicine
Huang, Andy MD - Emergency Medicine
Alazzawi, Younis MD – Radiology
Moore, Julene MD – Pathology

Reappointment – Courtesy Status

Tilletson, Nathan MD – OB/GYN
Allied Health – Initial Appointment
McCullough, Maude – LPC
Howell, Daniel, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist

Mr. Laws seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Black made a motion to approve the Chief Executive Officer updated review and recommended contract. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Villa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman