

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday June 27, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Kevin Bunch, Tim Laws, Carla Purcella and Uriel Villa.

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

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

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

2. Public Comment

Mr. Steiert asked questions in regard to the HIM door locked during the board meeting and how would the public be able to attend the meetings if they weren't able to get in.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the May 25, 2024 board minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

4. Medical Staff Report

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. There has been no change in staff in the past month.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending May 31, 2024.

Mr. Gafford presented May financial information. The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. Key operating indicators show an improvement with the monthly inpatient census and newborns. Monthly declines were noticed in the ER and Clinic. Financial indicators continue to show a strong ratio for days cash on hand and current ratio. Other revenue includes \$223k for group health pharmacy rebates for 2022 and 2023 which was not expected. The month ended May 31, 2024, with a net loss of (\$65,367) and for the year a net loss of (\$237,901). Mr. Black made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mrs. Smith updated the board on physician recruitment. The district had a visiting FPOB, Dr. Pham. The visit was very promising. Dr. Pham had an additional hospital to visit but the district is hopefully we can offer him a position. Dr. Warner, Urologist, has been interested in coming over for

hopefully we can offer him a position. Dr. Warner, Urologist, has been interested in coming over for clinic and procedures once a month. Currently we have a large number of patients being sent to Amarillo for Urology service. Dr. Warner came down for a visit and tour of our facility. We should hear back soon.

7. Chief Nursing Officer Report

Mrs. Delossantos presented the updated HRMC Social Service departmental policies and procedures, then answered questions related to the policy. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the policy on the recommendation of the staff that the policies are written based on best practices and in compliance with regulations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Executive Session

At 6:22 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 Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code 551.074 and Tex. Gov Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters. At 6:56 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Uriel.

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

Initial Appointment

Provisional Status

Lippincott, Alexandra, DO – Emergency Medicine

Mrs. Bridwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Purcella seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman