

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday October 24, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

**Directors present:** Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Carla Purcella, Tim Laws, and Chris Woodard

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

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

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

**2. Public Comment**

No Public comments.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Carla Purcella made a motion to approve the September 19, 2024, board minutes. Motion was seconded by Chris Woodard. Motion carried.

**4. Chief Financial Officer Report**

**Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending September 30, 2024.**

Mr. Paul Gafford presented month end financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the period ending September 30, 2024. Our net income for September is \$75K. This month is a good outpatient revenue month and inpatient revenue is similar to last September. All departments counted their inventory this month and there is a (\$123K) reduction to supply expense. Total revenue is (\$98K) less than the budget and total operating expenses are (\$145K) less than budget. Cash and cash equivalents are \$23.6 million at year end which is a \$4.0 million increase over last year. The balance sheet is strong with 279.6 days cash on hand and a \$12.51 to \$1.00 current ratio. Mr. Chris Woodard made a motion to accept September 30, 2024, financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Laws. Motion carried.

**Remove Jeff Barnhart and Mike Schueler from all bank signature cards and add Kristin Delossantos, Kay Gudgell and Kevin Bunch**

Mr. Tim Laws made a motion to remove Jeff Barnhart and Mike Schueler from all bank signature cards and add Kristin DeLosSantos, Kay Gudgell and Kevin Bunch to the bank signature card. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tanner Black. Motion carried.

**Chief Executive Officer Report**

**Review an additional quote for lawn care**

Mrs. Candice Smith presented an additional quote from Kings Lawn for lawn care. The quote is above Lone Star Home and Garden. The quote was \$235,000. Mrs. Smith is having a difficult time getting someone here to give a quote.

**Physician Recruitment**

Mrs. Candice Smith updated the board on physician recruitment. We continue to search for an FPOB with Jackson and we have added a recruiting company named Goldfish Partner.

**Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm**

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. We have increased the number in all departments for the month of September. We continue to see success with our community paramedicine program and increase in our cardiology and general surgeries. There's no change to the medical staff. We will be rolling out our new UCC platform in November. This program will improve our appointments opportunities with texts, emails and phone calls.

**Executive Session**

At 6:15 pm, Mr. Kevin 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. At 6:50 pm, Mr. Chris Woodard made a motion to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Carla Purcella. The following action was taken:

Mr. Tanner Black made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers along with November board meeting on November 21, 2024, and cancel December 2024 meeting.

**Initial Appointment: Provisional Status**

Jonathan Galassi, MD – Pathology – RED FLAG placed on academic probation.

Raymond Adedapo, MD – Emergency Medicine – RED FLAG

**Voluntary Resignations/Do Not Return**

Rodrigo Aguilar – Emergency Medicine

Pedro Calles – Emergency Medicine

Andy Huang - Emergency Medicine

Miriam Martinez – Emergency Medicine

Armin Valdes - Emergency Medicine

Shelly Adams – Emergency Medicine (DNR)

Sesan Ogunleye - Emergency Medicine (DNR)

Olena Romenska - Emergency Medicine (DNR)

Alexandra Lippincott - Emergency Medicine (DNR)

James Murtaugh - Emergency Medicine (DNR)

**Allied Health Initial or Reappointment**

Kylie Cup, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Mr. Chris Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Adjournment**

Mrs. Carla Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chris Woodard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman