

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 26, 2025

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday June 26, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Robert de la Cruz, Tim Law, Carla Purcella, Troyce Sturgess and Chris Woodard.

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

1. Call to Order

Kevin Bunch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Tanner Black made a motion to approve May 22, 2025 board minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim Laws. Motion carried.

4. Chairman's Report

Administration of the Oath of Office and the Statement of Officers to Troyce Sturgess

The board welcomed the new board member. Jodi Jordan, a Texas Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office and the Statement of Officers to Troyce Sturgess. All oaths were signed and filed. Tim Laws made a motion to approve the oath and statements for Troyce Sturgess. The motion was seconded by Robert de la Cruz. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Officer's Secretary for 2024-2025

Tim Laws made a motion to appoint Carla Purcella as DSCHD Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Robert de la Cruz. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for the period ending April 30, 2025.

Candice Smith presented May 2025 financial information. The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. The key financial indicators continue to show a strong days cash on hand and current ratio. May 2025 ended with a net gain of \$301,987 and a year-to-date net gain of \$4,046,318. Cash decreased to \$675K from last month and increased \$3.9M over last year. This month had five payable accounts instead of four, capital purchases and a RAPPS IGT payment that decreased cash for the month. The net income for the month is \$301,000 despite low census. This is a slow revenue month for all areas: inpatient, outpatient and clinic. Revenue deductions are similar as a percentage of gross revenue as last month and 6.6% better than last May. CHIRP and RAPPS receipts total \$134K for the month which is an improvement over last May. Chris Woodard made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Carla Purcella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

Provider Recruitment

The district continues to search for an FPOB and a family practitioner. We still have two interested in coming for family practice. We had a couple of FPOB visit the facility and town. Dr. Jansen has signed a contract and will be coming in September 2025. We continue to recruit for family practice OB. Also, the orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Potter that was interested in coming once a week, did not work out due to scheduling issues. Candice discussed timelines and answered questions relating to recruitment.

Review and approval of HRMC Nutritional Services policies and procedures

Candice presented the board an authority and approval for HRMC Nutritional Services policies and procedures. Tanner Black made a motion on the recommendation of the staff to approve the policies and procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Tim Laws. Motion carried.

7. Medical Staff Report

Dr. Rohm gave a brief update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. Our hospital has slowed down due to the summer months and low numbers of illnesses such as flu, pneumonia, etc. Our swing bed service has been good along with opening our ICU. We've had a few ICU patients which could be good. Our clinical statistics are also lower than in previous months. We will be losing Dr. Tabitha Davies in July, but we will be adding Dr. Philip Jansen in September. Our weekend clinic, counseling services and Texas Tech surgeons are performing well along with Cardiology that is coming in a full day to accommodate all the patients. All our services have been beneficial.

8. Executive Session

At 6:09 pm, 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 and personal matters. At 6:14 pm, Chris Woodard made a motion to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Carla Purcella. Motion carried.

The following action was taken:

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

Physician Initial or Reappointment

Provisional Status:

Abraham, Melby, MD – Nephrology

Bassett, Perry, MD – Emergency Medicine

Crowley, William, DO - Emergency Medicine

Sahani, Mandeep, MD – Nephrology

Potter, Gorden David, MD – Orthopedic Surgery – was approved through Medical Staff but before Governing board could not agree on schedule so withdrew his application at this time.

Allied Health Initial or Reappointment

Provisional

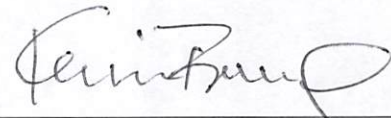
Advancement

Stevenson, Joshua, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist

Chris Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Carla Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Robert de la Cruz seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman