

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday June 23, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Kevin Bunch, 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.

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 April 28, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

4. 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. Dr. Rohm informed the board that there were 9 variants of COVID, and we currently have 5 in our county.

5. 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 April 30, 2022 and May 31, 2022. For the month of April, the district had a net gain of \$514,655, and currently reporting a \$4,883,850 gain for the year. For the month of May, the district had a net loss of \$345,679 for the month and is currently reporting a \$4,538,172 gain for the year. Mr. Woodard made a motion to accept April 2022 and May 2022 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart gave an update on recruitment of Ashley Hawes. She has signed a contract and will start August 1, 2022. Also, he has been in discussion with Dr. Morgan, who will be visiting the facility and town this coming weekend. He continues working with a recruiting company to recruit a Family Practice/Obstetrics physician.

Hospital/Clinic connector corridor project

Mr. Barnhart informed the board; the corridor is complete, and State would be here next Wednesday to sign off the project. Questions were answered by Mr. Barnhart.

HRMC Paid Time Office and Procedures

Mr. Barnhart gave an update on the updated policy for paid time off and answered all questions from the board. Mr. Bunch made a motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

7. Chief Nursing Officer Report – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith presented updated HRMC departmental policies and procedures, then answered questions related to the policies. Mrs. Purcella made a motion to approve the HRMC policies 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 Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 6:30 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 and Tex Gov Code 551.074. At 6:55 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella.

The following action was taken:

Mrs. Purcella made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

Frazier, William, MD – Emergency Medicine

Whitesides, Joshua, MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)

Reappointment –

Active Status

Chase, Earl, DO – Emergency Medicine

Rohm, Trevor, MD – Family Medicine

Consulting Status

Bashover, Eva, MD – Pathology

Lennard, Luke, MD – Radiology

Mehta, Nilay, MD - Radiology

Voluntary Resignations

Sbar, Alan, MD – General Surgery – Resigned

Allied Health Initial

Reappointment

Bhakta, Pranav, PA – Physician Assistant – Radiology

Giles, Thomas, PA – Physician Assistant – Radiology

Seals, Nathin, PA – Physician Assistant – Emergency Medicine

Vogler, Phillip, PA – Physician Assistant - Radiology

Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Bunch made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Woodard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman