DEAF SMITH COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT — HEREFORD Regional Medical Center

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday June 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Kevin Bunch, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler, Chris Woodard, and Uriel Villa.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, 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 5:30 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invitation.

2. **Public Comment**
   No public comments.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   Mrs. Purcella made a motion to approve the May 25, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

4. **Chief Financial Officers Report**
   Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending May 31, 2023.
   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. Stats show a continued 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 May 31, 2023, was a net gain of $107,039 and for the year a net gain of $518,466. Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mrs. Purcella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Chief Executive Officers Report**
   Physician Recruitment
   Mr. Barnhart updated the board on physician recruitment. The district has hired an OB/GYN, Dr. Larry McCullough, that will start July 3. Dr. McCullough will be an asset to our district.

6. **Chief Nursing Officer Report** – Mrs. Smith
   Mrs. Smith presented the updated HRMC Pharmacy departmental policies and procedures, then answered questions related to the policy. Mrs. Purcella 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 Mr. Bunch. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Smith also gave a brief update on the staffing issues at the facility along with drug shortages.

7. **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.

8. **Executive Session**
At 6:06 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 Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code 551.074 and Tex. Gov Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters. At 6:45 pm, Mr. Bunch made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella.

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

Initial Appointment
Provisional Status
McCullough, Larry MD – OB/GYN (Red Flag)
Pires, Brandon, MD – FP/Emergency Medicine contingent upon receiving insurance, DEA and peer references.

Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bunch made a motion to name a CEO search committee – Kevin Bunch, Carla Purcella, and Tanner Black. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed.

9. **Adjournment**
Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Willa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mike Schuler, Board Chairman