DEAF SMITH COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
HEREFORD Regional Medical Center

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday February 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm; Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

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 Invocation.

2. **Public Comment**
   Mr. Barnhart wanted to thank everyone who attended the THA award ceremony for the Pioneer Award.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   Mr. Black made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 board minutes with the Mr. Woodard correction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

4. **Chief Financial Officers Report**
   Review and approve financial statements and statistical reported for period ending December 2022 and January 31, 2023.
   Mr. Gafford presented two months of financial information (December 31, 2022 and January 31, 2023) 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 December 31, 2022, was a net gain of $193,866 and for the year a net gain of $252,627 while the month ended January 31, 2023, was a net loss of ($45,205) and for the year a net gain of $207,423. 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 gave a brief updated to the board on the recruitment of providers for our clinic. The district continues to search for an FPOB. Texas Tech Surgeons continue to see patients. Our providers are busy. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and concerns from the board.
   The Khuri Foundation
   Mr. Barnhart updated the board our The Khuri Foundation. The foundation continues to see scholarships for healthcare personnel. The foundation is in the process of updating the scholarship and hoping to keep our graduates in the community.
   HRSA Respiratory Therapy Training Grant
   Mr. Barnhart along with Mrs. Smith gave an update on our HRSA respiratory therapy training grant through UMC. There are fifteen hospitals, and it will be a precept program for respiratory therapy.

Chief Nursing Officers Report – Mrs. Smith
Hospital Clinical Department Update
Mrs. Smith gave a brief update on the staffing issues at the facility along with drug shortages. The board asked questions and voiced concerns about the issue. Mrs. Smith answered all questions and concerns. We currently have an OB Director job open and will be searching for good candidates to fill the position. Mrs. Smith also gave a brief update on a WT job fair she attended, and she was excited to see two students come straight to her booth for information.
Rural Nursing Collaborative Update
Mr. Smith gave an update on the rural nursing collaborative. She answered all questions and concerns from the board.

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 couple of weeks. The district has decreased inpatients and our clinic/outpatient has increased. Hopefully, our clinic will increase revenue. With the summer months approaching, it is typically slow across the district.

Executive Session
At 6:25 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. At 6:44 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard.

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

<u>Initial Appointment</u>
Provisional Status
Faiss, Khristopher, DO – Emergency Medicine
Sirney, Alexander, DO – Emergency Medicine
Valdes, Armir, MD – Emergency Medicine
<u>Reappointment</u>
Advancement
Childers, Manon, MD – Emergency Medicine
Voluntary Resignation
Howell, Daniel, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist
Leasure, Tina, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist
<u>Allied Health</u>
Initial Appointment
Provisional
Gauamis, George, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist
Reappointment
Johnson, Julia, Ed.D – Psychologist

Mrs. Purcella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mike Schuler, Board Chairman