# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
# January 26, 2023

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday January 26, 2023, at 5:30pm in the Education 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; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation**
   Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Black offered the Invocation.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   Mr. Black made a motion to approve the November 10, 2022 and December 20, 2022 board minutes with the Mr. Woodard correction. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

4. **Chief Financial Officers Report**
   **Presentation of financial statements**
   Mr. Gafford presented three months of financial information (September 30, 2022, October 31, 2022, and November 30, 2022). The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. Stats show a 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 September 30, 2022, was a net loss of ($702,169) and the year end was a net gain of $4,814,844. The month ended October 31, 2022 was a net gain of $211,635 while the month ended November 30, 2022 was a net loss of ($152,874). Mr. Woodard made a motion to accept the September, October and November 2022 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

5. **Chief Executive Officers Report**
   **Review and Approve New FMLA Policy**
   Mr. Barnhart presented the updated DSCHD FMLA policy, then answered all related questions. Mrs. Purcella made a motion to approve the policy on the recommendation of the staff that the policy is written based on best practices and compliance with regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed unanimously.
   **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 and Dr. Tran continue to see patients and with our two new nurse practitioners, Olga Prieto and Katie Pemberton our clinic and hospital continue to be busy.

**6. Chief Nursing Officer Report**

Mr. Barnhart gave an update for Candice Smith, CNO. Mr. Barnhart gave the board a brief update on the continued staffing shortage. Also, we've hired a MSN for teaching the students and she has a background in employee health and employee educator from BSA so after she orients to the hospital and educational formats for AC she will take over. She will be a huge asset to our facility given her background. Mrs. Smith was invited by the Texas Tech Provost and Chief of Academic Affairs to sit on a panel of 12 to collaboratively select the Dean for the school of Nursing. She is honored to have been asked to join this panel. The facility is still awaiting our CMS survey.

**7. Medical Staff**

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.

**Executive Session**

At 6:45 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't Code 551.074. At 7:55 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. The following action was taken:

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

**Initial Appointment: Provisional Status**
Asay, Patrick, MD – Emergency Medicine
Aznavorian-Bentley, Gail, MD – Radiology
Davis, William, MD – Radiology
Wright, Nathan, DO – Emergency Medicine

**Reappointment: Courtesy Status**
Schneider, Daniel, MD – Pathology
Schocker, Jason, MD – Pathology
Sennett, Michael, MD – Pathology
Todd, Robert, MD – Pathology

**Consulting Status**
Archer, Branch, MD – Radiology
Archer, Richard, MD – Radiology
Brooks, Charles, MD – Radiology
Cook, Stanley, MD – Radiology
Currie, Tully, MD – Radiology
Elliott, Aaron, MD – Radiology
Hakim, Paul, MD – Radiology
Scalapino, Matthew, MD – Radiology
Trout, Elijah, DO – Radiology

**Voluntary Resignations**
Cosgrove, Amy, MD – Family Practice

**Allied Health – Reappointment**
Cachola, Jeremy, CRNA
Cruz, Susan, NP
Curtis, Tara, NP
Dempsey, Marka, LD – Dietician
Flores, Elisa, NP
Hoelting, Ashley, PA
Malacar, Alejandro, PA – Radiology
Marquez, Genaro, CRNA
**Voluntary Resignations**
Spence, Gabriel, CRNA
Ward, Christopher, CRNA

Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve changes to the CEO contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed.
Mrs. Purcella made a motion to approve the quality report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed.

**8. Adjournment**
Mrs. Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Woodard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mike Schuler, Board Chairman