

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Vice President Robinson opened meeting at 12:04PM.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: Quorum Established by Calling Row. Quorum was met.

PRESENT: Rebecca Robinson, Vice President; Adolfo Olivares, Secretary Treasurer; Humberto Duran, Board Member;

Aaron Valdez, Chairman joined via phone call

Gerardo Villalpando, Board Member joined the meeting at 12:06PM.

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER: Alma Martinez, CEO joined via phone call; Nestor Bonilla, CFO; Lizet Salinas, COM; Elias Diaz, CO; Carolina Sanchez, E.A.A; Ruben Valadez, Legal Counsel

VISITORS: Danielle Zimmerman, Health Care Partner with FROVIS; Cheyanne Taylor, Senior Manager with FORVIS

AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM 1: Discussion and possible action to approve MCHD Board minutes for January 29, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Mr. Villalpando, 2ND by Mr. Olivares.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

ITEM 2: Presentation of Reports

COM Report- COM reviewed the clinical operations report with the board member. MCHD Urgent Care – for the month of January 2024, 478 patients visited the Urgent Care. 48 patients 65+, 199 patients younger than 18 years and 231 patient between the ages of 18-64 years. The Urgent Care anticipates and increase of patients due to STAT no longer taking insurance from the EPISD or the City of Eagle Pass. COM reviewed the recent challenges with the Urgent Care, such as the separation employment of a provider. Currently 6 days of the Urgent Care clinic are missing coverage from a provider. Administration inquired about having the MCHD primary care providers assist, while new provider was hired for Urgent Care. Unfortunately, as per Dr. Valdez, MCHD primary care providers could not assist the urgent care under his supervisor. Dr.



Trevino had agreed to cover shifts 5PM – 9PM on weekdays with a separate contract as a provider, with hourly rate. Current efforts to hire new provider were ongoing.

Policies and Procedures – COM had been conducting in-services for all personnel within the clinic regarding the Maverick County Hospital District's policies and procedures. Polices reviewed included, cell phone use, social networking, tardiness and absences.

Texas Infertility Prevention Project – COM reported that PA Hilda De Leon had completed training for the TIPP grant. This project's overall mission was to implement effective prevention strategies to reduce the prevalence of chlamydia/gonorrhea and its potentially destructive complications in women. Program will be free of service for those patients that are at a disadvantage to obtain proper screenings. Services provided through the DSHS laboratory and also provided free medication provided by DSHS as well.

<u>CO Report</u> – CO reviewed compliance report with the board members. Key highlights included applying for another round of a learning collaborative funding, MCHD how accepted. This collaborative with the MCHD Foundation, with initial \$5,000. If all requirement completed successfully, an invitation to for implementation, upwards to \$1MM. Compliance committee meeting have been reinstated, with ongoing policy reviews. Quarterly training with staff will also be conducted. 62 staff members participated in the quarterly meeting during the month of February 2024. First session consisted of HIPAA compliance and the next session focused on Clinical Documentation and Billing and Coding processes. OSHA will be cover during the 3rd compliance training.

Mr. Duran questioned if HR Director provided a monthly or quarterly report on hires and terminations and accidents in the district. CO does receive a monthly status on vacancies, and requirement efforts. Reports on occurrences and incident regarding patients. CO to follow up on if reports were being submitted to the proper agencies.

<u>CEO Report</u> – CEO highlighted item. Dr. Velez, was in the final stages of working on contracted basis with MCHD. Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center has agreed to help with stipend for Dr. Chhikara, Urologist, on contracted basis.

<u>CFO Report -</u> CFO report highlighted statement of revenues and expenditures with total operating revenues at current year to date \$26,185,470. Total Non-Operating Revenues current year to date \$7,036,618. Total Revenues: \$33,222,088. Expenses included salary, wages and benefits at \$3,873 for current year. Supplies and Freight expense at \$931,417 and Indigent Care Services expenses at \$948,174. CFO reported after 3 months revenues were recognized at \$27,000 per month with a \$30,000 short fall.

Item 3: Discussion with possible action on approval for revised MCHD Bylaws.



A resolution of the board of directors of the Maverick County Hospital District Amending board bylaws to include a new article VIII titled "Board of Directors code of conduct"; finding that meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; providing a severability clause; and establishing effective date.

Motion on approval of revised MCHD bylaws by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

Item 4: Discussion with possible action on the election joint agreement with EPISD, Mayerick County and MCHD.

CFO explained of \$180,000 estimated cost of election which would be divided by the 3 entities. \$60,000.00 for each entity. If there was a possible increase in estimate cost of election, the added cost would be divided between the 3 entities. Detailed invoice to be provided of the services. CFO suggested following up in the event of no elections, would MCHD be responsible for cost? Legal counsel to review agreement.

Motion to approve joint agreement by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

Item 5: Discussion with possible action on approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Independent Audit completed by Forvis LLP.

Cheyenne presented the final drafts to issue a clean or unmodified option of the financial statements, the highest level of opinion as auditors. Mr. Duran questioned how the Maverick County Hospital District and the nursing home liability. To Cheyenne's understanding, the risk would fall on the nursing homes not with MCHD. In the event of the nursing home being sued, Cheyenne explained, MCHD can be listed in the lawsuit, but the risk for MCHD was low. Danielle clarified that they were not attorneys and to their knowledge, the risk did fall on the nursing homes.



Review of the MCHD internal audit included the balance sheet with \$40 million in 2023 of assets. Cash on hand, determined how long the entity could operate if there was no cash coming in. At 2023, 423 days cash on hand, MCHD could operate with no cash coming in.

Growth in the hospitals net patient service revenue in the last 5 years, in 2019 \$4.5 Million with an increase in 2023, at \$8.8 Million.

Motion to approve the FY-22-23 annual independent audit by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

Item 6: Discussion with possible action to provide up to \$3M in interim working capital to Eduro Healthcare.

Jim Martin joined via Zoom to explain overview of what Eduro was requesting.

Motion to approve \$3M in interim working capital to Eduro Healthcare by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

Mr. Duran abstained.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

Executive Session 1:02

The board may convene in closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Go Item 7: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.085(a) of the Texas Government Code-consultation with attorney and discussion regarding pricing or financial planning information relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of services-discussion regarding a possible collaboration with Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center on a proposed MCHD Center, and possible action in open session regarding same.



Item 8: Executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.074, and Section 551.085(a) of the Texas Government Code-consultation with attorney, discussion regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an employee, and discussion regarding pricing or financial planning information relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of services-discussion regarding provider contracts, and possible action in open session regarding same.

Motion to move into open session by Mr. Villalpando, 2nd by Mr. Olivares at 1:18PM.

Motion to authorize administration to conduct business plan in conjunction with Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Motion to authorize administration to enter into contract for employment by Mr. Olivares, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Duran

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

Meeting Adjourn at 1:20 PM

Chairman – Aaron Valdez

Vice Chairperson Rebecca Robinson