

HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 24, 2023

The Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors conducted a meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Hunt Regional Medical Center, sixth floor Homer Horton, Jr. Boardroom, 4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd., E., Greenville, Texas.

Dr. Pierce, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Deborah Clack
Mr. Jefferson Helton
Mrs. Leslie Killgore
Mr. John C. Nelson, Jr.
Wesley Oswald
Mrs. Janet Peek
Dr. Scott Pierce
Mr. Michael Taylor
Mrs. Julia Wensel

comprising a quorum of the Board; also,

Mr. Steven Lee Boles, Jr., President/CEO
Mr. Stuart O'Neil, General Counsel
Mr. Chad Martin, Vice President Clinic Operations
Mr. Reese Hurley, MSN-Adm., RN, Vice President/CNO
Mr. Travis Potter, Vice President Business Development
Ms. Brandi Isham, Vice President Coordinated Care/Quality/Medical Staff
Robert Deuell, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs
Anthony Elisco, D.O., Chief of Staff
Eithan Haim, M.D., Orthopedics, Hunt Regional Medical Partners
Rose Ngishu, M.D., Internal Medicine, Hunt Regional Medical Partners
Aletha Kruse, Greenville ISD Board President
Chuck Owen, President/CEO of HPV
Ms. Lisa Hill, Marketing/Development & Communications Director
Mr. John Heatherly

Approval of Minutes Mr. Oswald moved, seconded by Mrs. Peek, to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 19 and September 26, 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Medical Staff Report Dr. Elisco, the new Chief of Staff, was introduced and he thanked the Board for providing the new Da Vinci robot and discussed Anesthesia staffing. Dr. Haim, General Surgery and Dr. Ngishu, Internal Medicine were introduced and Dr. Pierce welcomed them to the Medical Staff.

Citizens to Be Heard Ms. Kruse reported the Greenville schools are growing exponentially and to provide for current and future growth, the Greenville ISD has a bond election scheduled for November 7 on three propositions; Proposition A for a new Greenville Middle School on Highway 69; Proposition B for L.P. Waters Early Childhood Center Replacement for three and four year olds; and Proposition C to renovate the High School so that construction for a new High School may be delayed for a few year. Following her review, she asked for support by voting in favor of the propositions.

Public Testimony There were no members of the public present to address the Board of Directors regarding any item on the agenda before or during the Board's consideration of said items.

Unfinished Business There was no unfinished business.

New Business Consent Agenda Mrs. Clack requested the item "To approve the recommendations for appointments, requests for additional privileges, change in call coverage, requests to change staff status, reappointments, a reappointment with change in staff category, and resignations for the Hunt Regional Medical Center Medical Staff and the Allied Health Professional Staff upon recommendation of the Board Credentials Review Committee" be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Peek, moved, seconded by Mrs. Killgore, to approve the following Consent Agenda item as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2023 Health Equity Strategic Plan as recommended by the Quality Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Medical Staff Credentials Mr. Boles reported the timeline for the clinical privileges to begin on new appointments is November 1, 2023; however, there is an immediate need for Benjamin Wilson, M.D., Orthopedics, to begin so he may cover orthopedic call this weekend instead of paying for a locum tenens provider. Following review, Mrs. Clack moved, seconded by Mrs. Peek to approve the recommendations for: appointments with the appointment of Dr. Benjamin to begin immediately; the requests for additional clinical privileges, the request for the change in call coverage; requests to change staff status; reappointments; a reappointment with change in staff category; and resignations for the Hunt Regional Medical Staff and the Allied Health Professional Staff upon recommendation of the Board Credentials Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items Mr. Boles presented the 2023-2025 Medical Staff Organization
Medical as recommended by the Medical Staff Executive Committee and the
Staff Medical Staff. Officers are: Anthony Elisco, D.O., Chief of Staff; Lori
Organi- Allembaugh, D.O., Chief of Staff-Elect; Ehab Faheid, M.D., Immediate
zation Past Chief of Staff; and Cassidy Gafford, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer.
The Outpatient Family Medicine Department has been added to
include off campus Primary Care providers with Alan Schonfeld, M.D.,
Department Chairman and Dr. Pierce is the Medical Director for Urgent
Care and Occupational Health. Following review, Mr. Taylor moved,
seconded by Mrs. Peek, to approve the 2023-2025 Medical Staff
Organization as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Amended Ms. Isham presented recommended changes to the Medical
Medical Staff Bylaws as follows:
Staff Reappointment period changed from two to three years in
Bylaws compliance with updated Joint Commission regulations

Temporary privilege duration changed from 60 to 120
days in accordance with Joint Commission regulations

Updated the Temporary Clinical Privilege section to state
that important care needs will be determined by the
department chair

Removed all wording in reference to an Allied Health
Professional's Committee

Removed all wording in reference to Controlled
Substance Registration through the Department of Safety
(requirement discontinued in 2016)

Added additional wording to the Allied Health Provider
section to separate the Nurse Practitioners and
Physicians Assistants from other Allied Health Providers
who may not require a supervising physician

Updated the Allied Health Reappointment period from two
to three years in compliance with updated Joint
Commission regulations

Removed wording in relation to licensed non-physician
practitioners under each medical staff category since
these practitioners fall under Allied Health Professional
Staff.

Added a new Medical Staff Department: Department of Outpatient Family Medicine

Removed and clarified wording under the Locum Tenens Privileges section to indicate that the provider will notify the CEO, Chief of Staff, and Department Chair of any changes to their application status during their three year locum's appointment on staff

Removed all references to the Credentials Manual since the same information is contained within the Bylaws

Following review, Mr. Oswald moved, seconded by Mrs. Clack, to approve the Medical Staff Bylaws as recommended by the Medical Staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Date for December Meeting Mrs. Peek moved, seconded by Mrs. Clack, to conduct the December Board meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Initiatives Strategic initiatives will be discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman's Report

Dr. Pierce reported the following:

The Foundation Bylaws provides for the Hospital District Board Chairman and one Board member to serve on the Foundation Board. He thanked Mrs. Peek and Mrs. Wensel for their service on the Foundation Board and appointed Mrs. Clack to serve as the new Hospital District Board representative effective October 1, 2023. All were requested to attend the Foundation Board meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 4:00 pm.

A Board/Medical Staff/Leadership Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at the Caddo Creek Events Venue and invitations will be sent.

A Retirement Party for John Heatherly is scheduled for Thursday, November 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Webb Hill Country Club and those attending should RSVP to Sherie by November 9th.

**President/CEO
Report**

The following was reported:

Mr. Martin reported a Family Medicine candidate for the Greenville Family Practice location will be interviewed in November. Dr. Ceesay will be joining the Fate Family Medicine practice in January 2024; Dr. Varghese, Pediatrics, will be joining the Pediatric Clinic in January 2024; Dr. Wilson, Orthopedics, will be full time in December; and Dr. Young, Orthopedics, will be here next spring/summer. Two OB candidates will be interviewed this fall and he welcomed Amadin Osayomore, M.D. and Asim Usman, M.D. who will be covering shifts in the Commerce Emergency Department once their credentialing is completed.

Mr. Hurley reported the clinical operations with Cerner is improving with service requests being addressed timely. Mr. Boles reported the revenue cycle continues to have challenges with Cerner and work continues to catch up the back log.

Mr. Boles reported the following:

The Blue Cross Blue Shield managed care contract is finalized and under final review by our consultants. The agreement is for a \$2½M increase in 2024, another \$2½M increase in 2025 and a \$1½M (3%) increase in 2026. Several smaller contracts have been signed, CIGNA, Amerigroup, etc. and a termination letter will be sent to Aetna as they have failed to negotiate with the hospital during this process.

The pre-audit engagement letter from FORVIS was included in the board packet for information.

Red River Valley Radiology has notified the hospital they will no longer be providing Radiologist coverage at the Open Imaging-Rockwall location and several options are being considered.

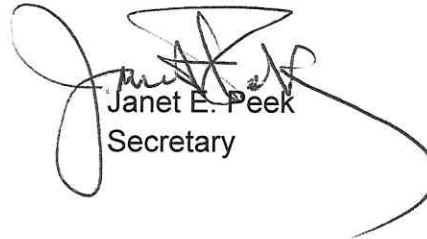
The hospital closed on the Royse City financing and the funds are with the TexPool funds earning 5% interest. Mr. Potter reported they are waiting on TXDOT to temporarily approve the drive and temporary black fencing is up on the property.

The Fate Urgent Care Open House is scheduled for November 1, 2023 from 4-6 p.m.

A proposal from the Texas A&M University-Commerce Athletic Director is being evaluated and may be presented next month for Board consideration.

Executive Session An Executive Session was held under Texas Government Code §551.071, §551.072, and §551.085. Following the Executive Session there was no action taken.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.


Janet E. Peek
Secretary

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