

**North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
30 November 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of North Sunflower Medical Center, Ruleville, Sunflower County, Mississippi, met in their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, 30 November 2016, when and where the following were present:

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman and Trustee; H. T. Miller, III, Vice Chairman and Trustee; Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Willie Mays Burton and Phil McNeer, Trustees; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Sam Miller, CEO; Rodney Clark, COO; Drew Weissinger, CFO; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire.

Absent: Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting to order and asked Sandra Britt to offer the invocation. The first order of business was to review the minutes of 26 October 2016. The following corrections were made to the minutes: on page 2, first paragraph, last sentence to change "fee" to "free" and the sentence to now read, " Mr. Marlow reported that he owns the building and will not charge the hospital any rent to move everyone to that space in order to free up space at the hospital." Motion made by Phil McNeer and seconded by Bobbie Bounds Allen. Motion unanimously adopted.

The first unfinished business discussed was an update on the lighting system for the hospital. Mr. Sam Miller reported that the lighting project is completed and the lights are now working. The old lights from Entergy will soon be removed. The hospital should see a tremendous savings with the LED lighting rather than the vapor lights.

Next came the approval of the initial appointment for Rhett Hobgood, M.D. of the Mississippi Sports Medicine group to the Medical Staff. Dr. Hobgood will see patients in the Sunflower Rural health Clinic and eventually will perform some procedures in our outpatient surgical center. The entire file was reviewed and the recommendations of the Medical Staff were also reviewed and discussed. The following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the recommendations of the Medical Staff for a one (1) year Initial Appointment for Edward Rhett Hobgood, M.D. as an Orthopedist in our Rural Health Clinic with his initial term ending 30 November 2017 and that he be re-considered At that time for a full two year term as outlined in Medical Staff Bylaws.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded By: H. T. Miller, III

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Mrs. Britt presented the application for Kelli Bearden, NP, who will be working full time with the TRINA Health of North Sunflower as the NP. The medical staff approved her reappointment application. The Board next reviewed the entire application and the recommendations of the Medical Staff. Ms. Bearden is not on any exclusion list. It was the recommendation of the Medical Staff that she be given full privileges requested. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-appointment of Kelli Bearden, NP, for two year term and her privileges will expire 30 November 2018 and that she be given privileges as allowed by the Mississippi State Board of Nursing.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded by: Bobbie B. Allen

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The next item to bring to the Board was to review the Legal Compliance Questionnaire and to answer the questions contained within. All questions were reviewed and marked. The following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the Legal Compliance Questionnaire as completed for the 2015-2016 Hospital Year.

Maker: H. T. Miller, III

Seconded by Phil McNeer

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Mr. Sam Miller presented an update on Radiology equipment to the Board. Mr. Miller reported that the hospital had to change the X-ray equipment to digital equipment to be in compliance with CMS and also BlueCross of Mississippi. The portable X-ray machine is over six (6) years old and is used extensively in the hospital (The lifespan on radiology equipment is typically seven (7) to ten (10) years). Our original price for the new machine was \$265,000.00. The new quote we received is \$144,000.00. This is a Premiere Purchasing Group price (prices have already been vetted by the State of MS); therefore, it is not necessary to put this out for bids. The unit is a Samsung. Discussion continued with Mr. Miller answering Board questions.

MOTION: I move that the hospital purchase the Samsung X-ray machine that has been Discussed for \$144,000.00 with a two year drop warranty.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded by: Willie M. Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Drew Weissinger presented the financials for 31 October 2016. The entire facility has a total of \$18.3 Million in cash; \$62 Million in Assets, and Fund Balance of \$37.4 Million. The various departments were discussed. Income for the Hospital is \$73,841.00; Hospice income was \$35,312.00; Diagnostic Center had a loss of (\$12,464); the Eye Station had a loss of (\$3,248.00); Dental Clinic had a loss of (\$,665.00); Simply Sunflower had a loss of (\$361.00); DME had a loss of (\$26,533.00); Retail Pharmacy had a profit of \$39,862.00; TRINA Health had a loss in October of (\$24,644.00). Drew Weissinger informed the Board that Medicare reimbursement rates is making it hard for a Durable Medical Equipment Unit to make a profit. He also informed the Board that the Auditors are here with week working on our Medicare/Medicaid Audit. Everything is going well.

Sam Miller, CEO, next presented his report. TRINA Health is now up to 8 – 10 patients now Monday through Friday. We are currently getting referrals from other physicians on patients that will be considered as complex patients.

Mr. Miller also reported that the new 340B Program is making a real difference in the cost of our medications for hospital employees and nursing home residents. We had a contract with another pharmacy in Jackson that was supplying medicines to nursing home patients but that contract will end in January and North Sunflower Medical Center Pharmacy will be supplying their medications.

The hospital has a Spirit Squad. There are five (5) members on the squad that has volunteered to make up the team. They will be doing extraordinary things for the Staff and also provide fun things/activities for NSMC Employees.

Mr. Waldrup asked if anyone had anything to add. He gave the Rural Health Clinic high marks for their promptness when he visited the clinic as a patient recently.

Upon motion made by Bobbie Bounds Allen and seconded by Phil McNeer, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary