**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,

25 October 2017, 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; Phil McNeer, Trustee; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Sam Miller, CEO; Rodney Clark COO; Drew Weissinger, CFO; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire.

Absent: Willie Burton, Trustee

Guest: Robyn Marlow

Prior to calling the Board of Trustees Regular meeting to order, Robyn Marlow gave a report on the CNN Money Magazine article featuring North Sunflower Medical Center. Following the report, the Board viewed the video that was released with the article. Robyn excused herself from the meeting following the conclusion of her report.

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting to order at noon and asked Mrs. Britt to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 27 September 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mrs. Allen and seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved.

There was no unfinished business to bring before the Board for consideration.

The first order of New Business was the approval of the initial appointment for Katherine Pannel, D.O. to the Medical Staff as a Psychiatrist working on a PRN basis. The entire file was reviewed as well as the recommendations of the Medical Staff. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the Initial Credentialing for the following Physician:**

**Katherine Pannel, D.O. (Psychiatrist.) I further approve her appointment to the Medical Staff for a period of one (1) year to end 25 October 2018, at which time, she will be eligible for consideration of a two year term provided she meet the requirements of the Medical Staff.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: H.T. Miller, III**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The next item for discussion was the Re-credentialing of (1) Allied Health Professional. The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Medical Staff and the application of the Allied Health Professional. After careful review and checking the lists for Exclusions from CMS and the NPDB, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move that we grant two year privileges ending 25 October 2019, for the**

**following Allied Health Professional: Jodi Barnett, FNP.**

**Maker: H.T. Miller, III Seconder: Phil McNeer Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The Board then reviewed the Legal Compliance Questionnaire that was included in the Board packets for their review. After discussion, the Board agreed the application was correctly marked, the following motion was made, and the document was signed by Mr. Billy Joe Waldrup as Chairman and by Sam Miller as CEO. Arie Chandler will now send the original copy to the Auditors for their files prior to performing our audit.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Legal Compliance Questionnaire as marked and that it be distributed to the Auditors.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: Bobbie Allen**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Drew Weissinger, CFO, presented the financial information as attached to the minutes. The entire Facility has a cash balance of $16 Million, total assets of $49 Million, and a fund balance of $49 Million for the month of September. The year to date income for the facility is $709,817. September’s Gross Revenue for the Hospital, including the $500,000 gift from the Foundation, was $8 Million. Hospice had a Net Income of $18,396 for September and $370,853 Year to Date. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net income of $4,356, Sunflower Eye Station had a Net loss of ($12,523), Sunflower Dental Clinic had a Net Income of $7,032, Simply Sunflower had a net loss of ($11,405), Sunflower DME had a net income of $40,533, NSMC Pharmacy had a net loss of ($20,948), and TRINA Health had a net loss of ($12,030) for September.

Sam Miller presented the Administrator’s Report as follows:

Mr. Miller reported that the Diabetes Tele-health project between NSMC, another MS hospital and two Vermont Hospitals is continuing to grow steam as we move forward. This grant will take place over a 5 year period and will mimic the Diabetes Tele-health study that NSMC was involved with in the past.

Mr. Miller gave an update on the Obesity Study Grant that involves NSMC linking with The Cleveland Clinic. This partnership was made possible due to Secretary Hosemann being so impressed with our mission of becoming the “healthcare hub of the Delta” that he recommended to Mr. Joe Canizaro and Governor Bryant that NSMC be included in the Obesity study that they are heading up. Mr. Canizaro and key note members of his team will be visiting NSMC on December 19th to discuss the grant in detail. Mr. Miller added that The Cleveland Clinic is building a Research Center at William Carey University. These 2 grant opportunities will allow us to stay on the front end of research and technology.

Mr. Miller reported that a new CT scanner has been purchased at the cost of $415,000 which is $260,000 cheaper than the current scanner. The purchase is with Capital Lease. The new machine is a 64 slice, will hold up to 650pounds, and has a more advanced software package allowing more tests to be done at NSMC.

Mr. Waldrup polled the Board regarding the November Board meeting. It was his recommendation that the Board move the meeting to the 5th Wednesday in November. The regularly scheduled day would be November 22nd which is the day before Thanksgiving. After discussion, the Board was in complete agreement to move the Board meeting to November 29th but to leave Medical Staff to its regular day, which will be November 21st.

**MOTION: I move that the Board of Trustees change the November Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 29, 2017.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: Bobbie Allen**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Mr. Waldrup polled to Board regarding the December meeting. It was his recommendation that the Board move the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday in December. The regularly scheduled day would be December 27th which is the week of Christmas. After discussion, the Board was in complete agreement to move the Board meeting to December 20th.

**MOTION: I move that the Board of Trustees change the December Board Meeting to Wednesday, December 20, 2017.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: H.T. Miller, III**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Report as follows:

Mr. Clark reported that notification was received from the MS State Department of health that NSMC will be given an award for HCAHPS scores at the MS Rural Health Association meeting in Jackson on November 16th. Over the last 2 years our HCAHPS scores have improved tremendously thanks to the doctors, nurses and pharmacy staff. NSMC contracts with a company that conducts all surveys by phone. When comparing numbers from the past years, it is evident that the patient response rate is much higher when the survey is conducted by phone rather than mail. Although a certain amount of points are deducted because the survey is conducted by phone, we choose to continue in this manner because of the response rate increase. Mr. Clark explained that according to the website, Hospital Compare, NSMC’s scores rank above other hospitals state and nationwide. We are very honored to receive this award.

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

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary