North Sunflower Medical Center

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

27 February 2019

**BE IT REMEMBERED** the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of North Sunflower Medical Center, Ruleville, Sunflower County, Mississippi, met in their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, 27 February 2019, when and where the following were present:

H.T. Miller, III, Vice Chairman and Trustee; Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Phil McNeer, Trustee; Willie Burton, Trustee; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Sam Miller, CEO; Rodney Clark, COO; Leigh Ann Armstrong, Interim CFO; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Absent: Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman and Trustee

Mr. Phil McNeer, called the meeting to order at noon and asked Mr. Burton to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 23 January 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Allen and unanimously approved.

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

The first order of new business was to review the Initial Credentialing applications of John Griffin, DMD and Jason Rosetti, DDS. The applicants’ education and training, professional references, and Licenses were verified, and a query was done on the National Practitioner Data Bank and the OIG. The applications were carefully reviewed and after discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move that we approve the initial applications of John Griffin, DMD (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon) and Jason Rosetti, DDS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon) and that they be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 28 February 2020 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.**

**Maker: Mr. Miller Seconder: Mr. Burton Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The next order of new business was the Re-credentialing of one Allied Health Professional for a two year term. The application and Data Bank query of Katherine Chadwick, FNP-BC (MS Sports Medicine and Orthopedics Provider) was carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing application for Katherine Chadwick, FNP-BC, and that she be approved for a two year term ending 28 February 2021.**

**Maker: Mr. Burton Seconder: Ms. Allen Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The last order of new business was to review and approve the Directors and Officers insurance quote delivered by Hub International (broker) and Ironshore Specialty Insurance Company, (Carrier with an AM Best rating of “A”). The aggregate limit of coverage is $1,000,000.00 and is shared between Directors and Officers Claims and Employment Practices for Wrongful Acts claims. There is a $50,000 retention for Directors and Officers claims and $75,000 retention for Employment Practices claims. The total premium is $19,084.08. There were no other quotes to review. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the Directors and Officers Insurance quote presented by HUB International in the amount $19,084.08.00 with a shared aggregate limit of $1Million.**

**Maker: Ms. Allen Seconded by: Mr. Miller**

**Motion Unanimously Approved**

Leigh Ann Armstrong presented the financial information for January as attached to the minutes. The entire facility has a cash balance of $10.8 Million, total assets of $44.2 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of $44.2 Million. The Hospital’s Gross Revenue was $7.3 Million for the month and $28.9 Million year to date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of $165,069.00 for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of $620,009.00. Hospice had a Net Income of $32,692.00; Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Income of $11,869; Sunflower Eye Station had a Net loss of $6,336; Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of $2,638; Sunflower DME had a Net Income of $43,565; NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of $48,249; TRINA Health had a Net Loss of $3,172.00; and the Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of $150,031 for the month of January. Mr. Miller added to the financial report by stating that the Administration team is taking a close look at all hospital departments and clinics to see where financial improvements can be made. It was also reported that the Cost Report is almost ready for submission. NSMC looks to receive approximately $4Million in payback from Medicare.

Sam Miller presented the Administrator’s report as follows:

Mr. Miller began his report by sharing a Navigant analysis of the financial viability of rural hospitals based on data submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The analysis showed that 31 hospitals in MS are at high financial risk, 19 of which, are considered essential to their communities. This analysis shines light on a crisis for rural hospitals and should cause concern for local, state, and federal politicians. Mississippi Hospital Association sent the analysis to the State Legislature.

Mr. Miller gave report on the Bill Status update received from MS Hospital Association. The report showed that the Senate has received and is monitoring a bill that will require accident and health insurance policies to include additional provisions that penalize insurance companies for late payment of claims to healthcare providers or insureds. There is another bill being monitored that will allow Hospital’s and insureds to have an Audit Trail to track calls placed to insurance companies.

Mr. Miller reported that NSMC, the National Diabetes and Obesity Research Institute, and the Cleveland Clinic will be partnering together to begin a Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NASH) research trial. The clinical site approval process is underway and once completed the trial will begin.

Mr. Miller reported that the Tele Exercise and Multiple Sclerosis pilot project with the University of Alabama will begin soon as well.

Rodney Clark, COO, presented the Feedtrail Quarterly Report Card, as attached to these minutes, as the Quality Assurance Report. Mr. Clark began by explaining that Feedtrail is a survey offered to patients who have been treated in the Rural Health Clinic, Acute Care, and Swingbed Units. Once the patient is discharged home a survey link is sent by text message to their cell phone giving them the chance to participate in a quick five question survey. From 11/15/2018-2/15/2019, the clinic scored 91.01% with 443 responses; Acute Care scored 89.3% with 5 responses; and Swing Bed scored 99.3% with 38 responses. Patients also have the opportunity to leave comments and may request a call back regarding any problem or question they have.

With there being no further discussion the Board adjourned at 1:01 P.M.

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary