**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,

24 July 2019, 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 M. Burton and Phil McNeer, Trustees; Billy Marlow, Executive Director and Administrator; Sam Miller, Executive Vice President; Rodney Clark, COO; Joanie Perkins, CCO; Leigh Ann Armstrong, Interim CFO; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire.

The meeting of the Hospice of North Sunflower Medical Center was conducted prior to the calling to order of the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Billy Joe Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Mrs. Sandra Britt to open with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 26 June 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Willie Burton and seconded by H.T. Miller, III, and unanimously approved.

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

Joanie Perkins briefed the group on the Feedtrail patient satisfaction scores as the first order of new business. This month’s scores have increased in number by 1.24% from the previous month. 94.29% of our patients are satisfied with the service they receive at the clinic and want to continue to receive their care at NSMC. The patient recovery team has saved 23 patients from leaving our service totaling to be $26,500 in recovered revenue. The recovery team is responsible for reaching out to patients that have reported an unsatisfactory visit on the Feedtrail survey. We look at both positive and negative comments and reach out to patients when they indicate they would like a response from a member of the clinic staff. Many patients left comments this month acknowledging the excellent care they received from the clinic providers.

Next, Joanie gave an update on the quality measures that we are responsible for reporting in the ACO project. We have started to do fall risk assessments on patients that are Sixty-Five years and older. Joanie reported that NSMC currently has 1,638 total Medicare Lives with the goal being to provide quality healthcare while lowering costs and eventually sharing savings among the other MS healthcare facilities participating. There are currently 1.5 Registered Nurses responsible for contacting the patients enrolled in the Chronic Care Management program once per month spending time with them on the phone gathering information. Preventative healthcare is where we are headed rather than problem focused visits.

The next order of new business was to review the Initial Credentialing applications for one Physician and one Allied Health Professional. The applications, education and training, professional references, employment history, licenses, and queries from the National Practitioner Data Bank and the OIG were reviewed for: Richard Kevin Cole, M.D. (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology) and Amanda Ellis, AGNP-BC (Southeast Urogyn). The initial term will be for a period of one year and at that time both Providers will be permitted to apply for a two-year term. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of Richard Kevin Cole, MD and Amanda Ellis, AGNP-BC and that they be given initial privileges to provide care within their scope of practice for a period of one year ending 31 July 2020 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.**

**Maker: H.T. Miller, III Seconder: Willie Burton Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The last order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for one Physician and one Allied Health Professional for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Lauren Marlow, MD and Harold Nichols, CRNA were carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Lauren Marlow, MD and Harold Nichols, CRNA and that they be approved for a two year term ending 31 July 2021.**

**Maker: H.T. Miller, III Seconder: Willie Burton Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Leigh Ann Armstrong presented the financial information for June as attached to the minutes. The entire Facility has a cash balance of $14.4 Million, total assets of $48 Million, and a Total Liabilities and Fund balance of $48 Million. The Hospital’s Gross Revenue for June was $7.4 Million. The Hospital had a Net income of $90,886 for June and a Year to Date Net Loss of $132,631. For the month of June Hospice had a Net Income of $31,325; Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net income of $194; Simply Sunflower had a Net income of $370; Sunflower DME had a net income of $33,984; NSMC Pharmacy had a net income of $39,679; and the Rural Health Clinic had a net income of $24,477.

Billy Marlow gave the Administrator’s report as follows:

The Hospital continues to run smoothly at this time. The Census has been up with record months in Swingbed and Senior Care.

Mr. Marlow reported that we received a $1.8Million lump sum adjustment from Medicare which was more than he had anticipated.

The Artificial Pancreas Treatment has begun with Dr. James Warrington, Jr. serving as the overseeing Physician; Brooks Rizzo, NP serving as the monthly follow up provider; and Kristi Seeley, RN, as the professional administering the treatment. During this twelve week trial we will be videoing the patients once a month to document how their symptoms are changing and to have evidence that these treatments work. We will be looking for changes in facial expressions, neuropathy, wounds, etc. The treatments are given weekly at no cost to the patient.

Next, Mr. Marlow brought to the Board’s attention that there are several vehicles that need to be declared as surplus and put out for bids to be sold. The cars were used by the screen teams to travel to schools and nursing homes and are no longer needed for hospital purposes. The sale of the vehicles would promote the best interest of the hospital. The first vehicle is a 2013 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3K25DL181281; the second vehicle is a 2014 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3F20EL414575; and the third vehicle is a 2014 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3F25EL414572. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to declare the following vehicles as surplus due to them no longer being used for hospital purposes: 2013 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3K25DL181281, the 2014 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3F20EL414575, and the 2014 Ford Focus VIN# 1FADP3F25EL414572. I further move that Billy Marlow have the authority to sell the vehicles according to the law to promote the best interest of the hospital.**

**Maker: H.T. Miller, III Seconder: Bobbie Allen**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Mr. Marlow reminded the group that he will be out of the country from July 28-August 18.

Arie Chandler reported that the Sunflower County Board of Supervisors reappointed Mr. Willie Burton to serve as a Trustee at North Sunflower Medical Center for another five years with his new term ending 30 June 2024. Mr. Burton was congratulated by the Board.

Mr. Marlow stated that NSMC has the best Board and he thanked the members for all they do for the hospital.

Rodney Clark gave the Quality Assurance report at this time by sharing the MHA Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) Measure Your Mountain accomplishments report that recognized NSMC for meeting quality goals in specific targeted areas. Mr. Clark stated that it is an honor to be recognized in the report as these goals are not easy to meet. The goals accomplished by NSMC are as follows:

* Met ZERO HARM goal in ADE Anticoagulation and Opioid Safety
* Met the HIIN goal of 20% or greater reduction in ADE Glycemic management, Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) rates all units, Multi-Drug resistant organisms (MDRO), and Clostridium Difficile (C Diff) rate

Mrs. Sandra Britt briefed the Board on the surprise billing legislation in both the House and Senate. If passed, the bill will require all hospitals and Physicians to send patient bills within forty-five days of discharge. If the patient receives the bill after the forty-five day period, the hospitals will be required to refund the patient money and report to HHS. Mrs. Britt stated that NSMC is part of the Critical Access Hospital Coalition and together we are working to have CAH’s exempted from this bill.

Subject to the call of the Chairman, the Board adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary