

North Sunflower Medical Center  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
25 September 2019

**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 September 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, Revenue Cycle Analyst; Daniel Ceja, Interim CFO; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire.

Mr. Billy Joe Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Mr. Miller to open with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 28 August 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by H.T. Miller, III and seconded by Bobbie Allen, and unanimously approved.

The first 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: Arvinder Uppal, M.D., Board Certified Otolaryngologist and Hannah Farmer, FNP-BC (part time NSMC employee). The initial appointments will be for a period of one year and at that time all Providers will be permitted to apply for two-year terms. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of Arvinder Uppal, MD, and Hannah Farmer FNP-BC and that they be given initial privileges to provide care within their scope of practice for a period of one year ending 30 September 2020 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.**

**Maker: Willie Burton**

**Secunder: H.T. Miller, III**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The second order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for one Allied Health Professional for a two year term. The application and Data Bank query of Laurie Nimon, FNP-C was carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing application for Laurie Nimon, FNP-C and that she be approved for a two year term ending 30 September 2021.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer**

**Secunder: Bobbie Allen**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

At this time Mr. Miller expressed his sincere gratitude to the staff of North Sunflower Medical Center and Walter B Crook for the care that was provided to his Father.

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Leigh Ann Armstrong presented the financial information for August as attached to the minutes. The entire Facility has a cash balance of \$15.9 Million, total assets of \$48.5 Million, and a Total Liabilities and Fund balance of \$48.5 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue for August was \$8 Million. The Hospital had a Net income of \$301,547 for August and a Year to Date Net income of \$510,382. For the month of August Hospice had a Net Income of \$4,657; Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net income of \$13,032; Simply Sunflower had a Net loss of \$1,100; Sunflower DME had a net income of \$55,097; NSMC Pharmacy had a net income of \$43,477; and the Rural Health Clinic had a net income of \$138,227.

Mr. Marlow began the Administrative report by introducing Daniel Ceja to the group. Mr. Marlow reported that Daniel is coming on board to work at the operations office and has the potential to be promoted to CFO in the near future. Daniel is an accountant with a Masters in Professional Accountancy; a Master's in Business Administration with an emphasis in accountancy; and he is currently working to obtain his CPA license. Daniel was a recent partner in Mexico Grill and has desired to be a part of NSMC for a long while. The Board offered a warm welcome to Daniel.

Mr. Marlow reported that the Foundation is working to finalize the lease agreement with MedStat and that the dirt work for a new ambulance station has begun and construction will begin soon.

Mr. Sam Miller reported that the first CNA class being held in Ruleville has five students enrolled and they are about 40% complete with the course. The class is a collaboration between MDCC and NSMC and it is being taught by Irene Fisher, RN, MDCC Nursing Instructor. Sam reported that he and Rodney visited the class and handed out employment applications in hopes to hire the students when the class is complete.

Next, Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance report as follows: Swing Bed Peer Review met at 100%; Medical Records review met at 100%; and H&P's met at 98%. Mr. Clark also reported that the clinic staff participated in a code blue refresher course taught by Dr. Brent Smith and it went very well.

At this time Mr. Burton questioned if there were any falls reported for the month. Rodney Clark stated that there were seven falls in August mostly due to family members trying to assist the patient rather than calling the nurses station for help. Mr. Clark reported that the nurses are going to start educating the family members on the importance of calling for help rather than trying to assist on their own.

Subject to the call of the Chairman, the Board adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

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Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary