North Sunflower Medical Center

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

25 August 2021

**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, 25 August 2021, when and where the following were present:

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman and Trustee; Phil McNeer, Trustee; H.T. Miller, III, Vice-Chairman and Trustee; Willie Burton, Trustee; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Rodney Clark, CAO; Sam Miller, COO; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director

Absent: Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Sam Miller, to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 28 July 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Burton 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 to review the Re-appointment applications for two Physicians and one Allied Health Professional for two-year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Gene Hutcheson, MD; Nicholas Jew, MD; and Lajarvis Lewis, FNP were carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Gene Hutcheson, MD; Nicholas Jew, MD; and Lajarvis Lewis, FNP and that they be approved for a two-year term ending 30 August 31, 2023.**

**Maker: Mr. McNeer Seconder: Mr. Burton**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The next order of new business was Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director, gave an update on Covid-19.  She stated that this is the most patients that have been seen in the clinic on a daily basis since 2017.  On August 16, 2021, the clinic checked in 250 walk-in patients and 200 Covid-19 vaccines distributed and Covid-19 tests completed collectively in the Vaccine Entrance.  There has been an order put in for 1,170 Pfizer vaccines.  The Pfizer vaccine is fully FDA approved as of Monday, August 23, 2021.  The clinic will be offering flu shots in 3 weeks.  Patients and the community can come to the vaccine entrance to receive their vaccination.  The importance of the infusion is to give patients antibodies to fight off the virus.  The patients normally can see a difference in 24-36 hours.  The week before schools started there was a 19% positivity rate.

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for July as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of $15 Million; total assets of $48 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of $48 Million. The Hospital’s Gross Revenue was $8.9 Million for the month and $80.8 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of $302,775 for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of ($1.1 Million). Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of $237,352 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $510,470. Hospice had a Net Loss of ($152) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $299,917. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Income of $15,397 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $120,389. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of ($1,180) for the month and a Year to Date Net loss of ($4,978). Sunflower DME had a Net Income of $6,298 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $309,467.NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of $74,452 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $643,603. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of $75,766 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $179,153. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Income of $631,823 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of $701,464

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel stated that the Senior Care unit has been converted back to the Covid-19 unit. The numbers are down from the last time based on the Regencov Infusion.

He stated that the hospital recently applied for a USDA grant of the value of $1 million. He plans to use the money to improve parts of the hospital such as a drive thru clinic, an updated parking lot and a pharmacy robot.

Daniel also announced that the expected Cost Report money came in to the hospital.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

There have been 35,651 negative COVID tests and 4,535 positive COVID tests. There are 492 Moderna, 223 Pfizer vaccinations and 292 Johnson and Johnson vaccinations available at the Rural Health Clinic. In the last 2 days, we have tested 370 patients and 79 patients have been positive. NSMC has done 17 infusions this week.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 PM, subject to the call of the Chairman.

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary