

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
24 March 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, 24 March 2021, 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; Willie Burton, Trustee; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Rodney Clark, CAO; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Absent: Sam Miller, COO

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Mr. H.T. Miller, III, to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 24 February 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.

Arie Chandler reported that the Medical Staff Appointment approval of Mark Blackwood, M.D. (OB/GYN), and the Re-appointment of Christopher Wilson, Contract CRNA, will be deferred to the April meeting due to the absence of a quorum at yesterday's Medical Staff meeting. It was reported that Dr. Mark Blackwood requested surgical privileges and expressed interest in holding a clinic in Ruleville. All pertinent credentialing information is on file in Administration. Daniel, as CEO, has the authority to grant temporary privileges until official approval is given allowing Dr. Blackwood to start working at NSMC immediately.

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for February as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$17.1 Million; total assets of \$48.7 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$48.7 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$6.8 Million for the month and \$37.7 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$238,760) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1.6Million). Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$61,015 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$134,007. Hospice had a Net Income of \$33,384 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$178,982. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Income of \$12,307 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$88,972. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of (\$2,428) for the month and a Year to Date Net loss of (\$4,519). Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$15,649 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$158,274. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$63,826 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$285,300. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Loss of (\$77,602) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$153,830). NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$58,123) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$803,218).

Daniel added to the financial report stating that the loss shown is partially due to the Rural Health Clinic being closed for one day and operating at reduced hours the week of the ice storm causing a decrease of approximately 1,300 visits as well as a decrease in ancillary tests. On a positive note, the census is good and Swing Bed days are up.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel began by stating that the week of the February ice storm was tough. Several NSMC employees worked 18-20 hour days ensuring that the Hospital and Clinic staff got to and from work safely. While spending hours on the road that week Daniel had the opportunity to speak one on one with employees from different departments about their jobs and any changes they would like to see. Since that week, six new vital sign machines were ordered and dispersed between Walter B Crook Nursing Facility and the Hospital. Asphaltting the employee parking lot is also being considered.

We have seen a drastic decrease in the number of COVID patients. The COVID Unit has been empty for the past 2-3 weeks and there are currently only two COVID positive patients in Acute Care. We have stalled on re-opening the Senior Care Unit for a couple of weeks to ensure there is not another spike in COVID patients that need admission. Plans for transitioning the hospital back to normal operations and eliminating the extra COVID pay within the next month are underway.

There are currently 160 Moderna vaccinations available at the Rural Health Clinic. We are out of the Johnson & Johnson vaccinations at this time. You may call 756-4000 to be put on the vaccination list. To date, the Rural Health Clinic has given 1,371 vaccines.

Daniel reported the PPP loan forgiveness is still pending. The second PPP loan is available but it requires that the first loan is forgiven prior to applying and that you have 500 employees or less.

Daniel stated that Sam Miller is working very hard as the active Administrator of Walter B Crook Nursing Facility and it shows. The Nursing Home is at full capacity and the revenue has increased \$90,000 in one month. There is also a current waiting list with several patients.

Mr. Burton asked for an update on the generator for the Rural Health Clinic that was discussed during the February meeting. Daniel reported that Administration met with Robinson Electric a couple of weeks ago to get the ball rolling on this project.

At this time, Mr. Billy reported that Arie Chandler submitted her resignation and stated that she will be missed. Mr. Billy Joe Waldrup thanked Mrs. Chandler for her hard work and dedication and for taking care of the Board of Trustees for the last five years.

Mr. Billy reported that we stand a good chance of getting a large receivable from Medicare once the Cost Report is filed.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

There have been 28,181 negative COVID tests and 3,882 positive COVID tests since March. We are now showing a 2.7% positivity rate.

The COVID Unit statistics for February are as follows: 13 patients; average age- 68.7 years old; average length of stay- 9.6 days; Patient Days- 121; 2 deaths; 10 discharged home; and 1 transferred to another facility.

The COVID Unit is empty at this time and has been for 2-3 weeks.

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The Board adjourned at 12:33 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary