

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
25 May 2022

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 May 2022, 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; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Sam Miller, COO; Rodney Clark CAO; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant; Johnny McWilliams, Esquire; and Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director

ABSENT: Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Tucker Miller, to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 26 April 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Miller, and unanimously approved.

The first order of unfinished business was Mr. Billy Marlow inquired to Mr. Johnny McWilliams about the money for the sewer project. Mr. Marlow asked since there has been so much inflation, he wasn't sure the money would cover it. He was encouraged to get a current cost estimate for the project.

Mr. McWilliams said that the county wanted to wait for the legislature to see if there was any state money that they could put towards the project. He stated there is a delay in the state statute because all the state funds have to be administered by the DEQ. The specific law doesn't go into effect until July 1, 2022. He stated that the hospital needed to have their application ready for as soon as it was needed.

The first order of New Business was to review the Initial Credentialing application of James Bennett, Jr., MD (Cardiologist), William Crowder, M.D. (Cardiologist), James Hays, Jr., M.D. (Cardiologist), Kessa Mauras, DPM (Podiatrist) and Amy Potter, MD (Allergist and Immunologist). The applicants' education and training, professional references, and License were verified, and a query was done on the National Practitioner Data Bank and the OIG. The application was carefully reviewed and after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of James Bennett, Jr., MD (Cardiologist), William Crowder, M.D. (Cardiologist), James Hays, Jr., M.D.

(Cardiologist), Kessa Mauras, DPM (Podiatrist) and Amy Potter, MD (Allergist and Immunologist) and that they be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 May 2023 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: H.T. Miller, III

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The next order of New Business was to review the Re-appointment applications for one Physician for a two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of all Physicians were reviewed and discussed and the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-appointment applications Khaled Abu-Hamdan, M.D. and that they each be approved for a two year term ending 31 May 2024.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for April as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$16.8 Million; total assets of \$49 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$49 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$7.1 Million for the month and \$56.7 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$224,178) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$63,156). Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$76,783 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$338,607. Hospice had a Net Income of \$5,029 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$46,968. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Income of \$15,085 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$74,665. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of (\$932) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$7,020). Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$35,663 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$225,719. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$96,469 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$441,014. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$49,626 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$993,868. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Income of \$3,919 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$1,056,797.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel began by stating that due to the time of the year, the census and revenue are lower than normal. There is nothing to be alarmed of because as a whole the hospital is doing good. He is starting to explore options of ways to expand from a revenue point of view. He wants to capitalize the best so we can continue to do well. Over the next few months, he does predict an increase in the census.

Mr. Billy Marlow stated that he does agree one hundred percent with what Daniel stated. He said that he is doing well from what things were 5-6 years ago.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

Rodney stated that one entity of the quality program at NSMC is the Infection Control Program. The Infection Control program is a facility wide program for the surveillance, prevention and control of Hospital Acquired Infections and other diseases. The Infection

Control program is also used to monitor the uses of antibiotics through the Antibiotic Stewardship Program. The Infection Control program must demonstrate adherence to Guidelines from the CDC and NHSN and the best practice acts for improving Antibiotic Usage, along with CMS requirements. The Infection Control program also involves the teaching the staff and the community on Infection Control measures to prevent the spread of infectious disease or illness.

Our Infection Control Program is involved at this time, reviewing all policies and procedures required to meet the conditions of participation set by CMS. The program is also working to promote the Antibiotic Stewardship program among Medical Staff, Nursing and Pharmacy. This program is not an option but a requirement for CMS participation.

Rodney also informed the board of the significant decrease in our Covid statistics from prior months. The facility wide Covid test for April are 442 compared to January of 7,469.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

She stated that the clinic saw 3,758 patients in April. The average daily walk in was 130 patients. The average daily wait time is 1 hour and 20 minutes. They are giving 20-30 Covid vaccines per week. The clinic still has Moderna, Pfizer, and Pediatric Pfizer vaccines available. She stated that patients are also eligible for their fourth booster.

The Board adjourned at 12:46 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary