

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
28 September 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, 28 September 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; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; and Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Willie Burton to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 24 August 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Burton, 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 Initial Credentialing application of Mary Nalder, CRNA. 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 application of Mary Nalder, CRNA and that she be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 October 2023 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: H.T. Miller

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for August as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$18.4 Million; total assets of \$49.2 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$49.2 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$8.7 Million for the month and \$89.9 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of \$30,414 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$315,290. Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$45,779 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$463,309. Hospice had a Net Income of \$24,101 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$114,511. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Loss of (\$2,630) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$64,190. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of (\$3,363) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$7,386). Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$1,651 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$317,539. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$74,865 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$623,397. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$219,466 for the month and a Year

to Date Net Income of \$1,572,139. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Income of \$170,818 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$1,890,850.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel stated that the attorneys are currently working on employee retention tax credits. He has currently consolidated PRN and Full-time employees to under 500 people. He is corresponding with the law firm regularly and sending them the information that they need. It will be a timely process but hopefully be rewarded the funds within a year.

He stated that the surgery department is back open. They shut it down for 1 week for maintenance repairs to a crack that was found in the drainage system. This will help with the water in that area but not solve the issue for the entire hospital.

He stated that Dr. Roger Blake will be seeing patients in the Sunflower Clinic starting next week. He will be seeing patients for surgery consult and surgery follow up. Hopefully, the number of surgeries will increase.

At this time, the hospital is only admitting true Medicare patients to the Swingbed unit.

Daniel Ceja asked to go into executive session to discuss personal matters with the following members 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; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; Sam Miller, COO; Rodney Clark CAO; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director;.

On motion of H.T. Miller, III, seconded by Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, the Board voted to consider going into executive session to discuss personal matters.

On motion of H.T. Miller, III, seconded by Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, the Board moved to enter executive session to discuss personal matters.

On motion of H.T. Miller, III, seconded by Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, the Board voted to exit executive session, and thereafter convened in open and regular session.

Daniel asked the board to give him permission to handle the settlement payment with Wage and Hour for the Department of Labor.

MOTION: I move to give Daniel the authority to handle the settlement payment with Wage and Hour for the Department of Labor.

Maker: Bobbie Bounds Allen

Seconded: H.T. Miller

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Daniel asked the board to give him permission to negotiate a new contract for Dr. Ronald Roberts.

MOTION: I move to give Daniel the authority to negotiate a new contract for Dr. Ronald Roberts.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: Bobbie Bounds Allen

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

Rodney stated that the Safety and Risk Management has revised the North Sunflower Medical Center's Safety Management Plan. The Safety Officer, Committee, Administration and Hospital Staff are responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring, and managing the Hospital's Safety Program. The goal is to provide and maintain a safe environment for patients, staff, and visitors. The Patient Safety plan has been revised to update protocols to reduce patient risk and provide increased patient safety. The Emergency Operations Plan has been submitted and the State Board of Health has granted approval. The approval was dated September 12, 2022 for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Rodney stated the Covid statistics for the month as follows: facility wide Covid test: 1904, facility wide Covid positives: 373, positive employees: 31, number of inpatients: 22, average age: 80.9, unvaccinated: 18.20%, vaccinated: 31.80%, boosted 45.50%

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

She stated that the clinic saw 4,346 patients in August. The average daily walk in was 150 patients. The average daily wait time is 1 hour and 22 minutes. There is 10%-14% positive Covid rate in Mississippi. Out of 192 flu test, there were 20 positive for the flu.

The Board adjourned at 1:11 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary