

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
24 May 2023

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 May 2023, 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; Sam Miller, COO; Rodney Clark, CAO; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director

Absent: Daniel Ceja, CEO

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at noon and asked Bobbie Bounds Allen, to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 26 April 2023 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mr. Miller, and unanimously approved.

The first order of New Business was Mr. Billy Marlow presented the idea of leasing one of NSMC Hospital buildings to Delta Staffing. Mr. Billy Marlow stated that in July PERS is going up to 22.4% for state retirement. At this time, the PERS rate is 17.4%. NSMC is paying over 5 million dollars a year in state retirement. Mr. Marlow has been talking to the owners of Delta Staffing. He stated we have 30 employees on contract labor now on Delta Staffing. He wants the owners to set up a payroll company and leave the contract company in place. The payroll company will eliminate 22.4%. It will require expansion for Delta Staffing. Mr. Marlow stated that the hospital owns the building downtown next to NSMC Hospice, and he would like the board's approval to rent the building next door to Delta Staffing. He has been working with the owners to put together a retirement plan and benefit package together. He stated he thinks we can save some money. Instead of the employee putting in 9% and us putting in 22.4%, the employee can put in 4.5% and Delta Staffing will put in 4.5%. He stated would probably have to give employees a choice. He wants to start with dietary and housekeeping. The after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to approve renting the NSMC building on the east side of the Hospice building to Delta Staffing for \$1,000 per month.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The next order of New Business was to review the Initial Credentialing application of Tony Reed, CRNA. The applicant's 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 Tony Reed, CRNA and that he be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 May 2024 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.

Maker: Phil McNeer

Seconded: Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Next up for New Business was to review the Re-appointment applications for ten Physicians, two Allied Health Professionals and two Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of all Providers were reviewed and discussed and the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-appointment applications for James Gray Bennett, MD; William Crowder, MD; Robert Harris, MD; James Clay Hayes, MD; Kessa Mauras, MD; Jason Morris, MD; Amy Potter, MD; Steven Speights, MD; Pearson Windham, MD; Bennie Wright, MD; Stuart Britt, CRNA; Michelle Lowery, CRNA; Brooks Rizzo, FNP-BC; Dean Seeley, FNP-BC and that they be approved for a two year term ending 31 May 2025.

Maker: Willie Burton

Seconded: Phil McNeer

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for April as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$12.9 Million; total assets of \$47 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$47 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.3 Million for the month and \$68 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of \$74,802 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$381,812. Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$75,914 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$427,563. Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$2,205) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$57,113. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Loss of (\$331) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$81,805. Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$2,195 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$13,053. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$37,409 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$361,155. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$124,490 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$477,966. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$193,258 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$862,981. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Income of \$312,274 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income 1,800,468.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Sam Miller read Daniel's administrative report. We still have not received cost report money, ERC money and MHAP money coming in listed an estimated 9m total. We have also replaced one of our CRNA's that will be moving. Cash is slowly but surely coming back up. The thing about the recievable is we still have about \$100,000 or maybe a little more that is expected from SunRx money. We have about

a week or two where the claims slow down and have system updates. Sam stated Medicaid still owes up a little over \$1 million dollars also.

Mr. Marlow stated there is something going on with class action suit with Kirkham Povall. There are some settlements out there somewhere. Sam reported that the last email Povall sent that the judge had approved what they had discussed but there is no monetary value on it yet. We are one of the first 3 hospitals that were involved in it.

Mr. Marlow got a call from Senator Sarita Simmons, and he has been talking to her and her dad, Willie, about the different things for the city. I talked to her about the sewer project. She talked to Governor Reeves, and he said he was going to make sure that things went through. The county is holding half of it. The project now is about \$900,000. It started off at about \$610,000. Mr. Marlow stated he feels like we are going to get it.

Phil McNeer asked the update on the drive through clinic. Mr. Marlow stated we are having trouble getting USDA money. We have opened a checking account but USDA is holding their part. It is a 55/45 match. We have been trying to get money out of Energy and looks like it is falling through. The met the other day and discussed the 3 options. He stated he doesn't like any of them. He will have to wait and find money somewhere else. The drive through clinic is lumped with parking lot repairs, 2 generators, and pharmacy robot. It looks like we may have to put matching money up ourselves which would be approximately \$890,000.

Mr. Marlow stated in regards to the Greenwood project, we are waiting on MDCC and the donut man to move out. He stated that we are going to start by doing very little renovating on the pharmacy, hospice and DME. The majority of the renovations will need to be done in the clinic. Lee Abraham told Mr. Marlow he has a crew that will be good for renovations. He stated Brooks Rizzo, CFNP will be over the hiring of the clinic and getting it going. He stated we have several potential good people that want to work there.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

He stated there were 3 medication errors in which all have been reviewed and take 5 to train. There were 2 deaths 24/48 hours post-op surgery under general anesthesia. The fire alarm check was complete and everything checked out ok. There were no restraints and no seclusions within our facility. There were 7 deaths for the month of April and 3 code review where everything went well. The average length of stay is at 3.8 days which is within range. There were 0 readmissions within 30 days.

Brooks Rizzo, FNP presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

She stated that the clinic saw 3966 patients in April. The average daily walk in was 145 patients a day. The average daily wait time is 1 hour and 26 minutes. Over the last 4 weeks, positivity rate for: COVID 11%, FLU 3%, RSV 30 %, and STREP 25%.

The Board adjourned at 12:47 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary