

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
23 August 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, 23 August 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; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Sam Miller, COO; Rodney Clark, CAO; Jennifer Baughman, Accounting Director; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director
Guest: Morgan McNeer

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 26 July 2023 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mrs. Allen 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 Initial Credentialing application of Ginger Valentine, 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 Ginger Valentine, CRNA and that she be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 August 2024 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.

Maker: Mr. H.T. Miller, III

Seconded: Mr. Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The next order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for one Physician and one Allied Health Professional for two-year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of 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 Nicholas Jew, MD; and Lajarvis Lewis, FNP and that they be approved for a two-year term ending 31 August 2025.

Maker: Mr. Phil McNeer

Seconded: Mrs. Bobbie Bounds Allen

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Jennifer Baughman presented the financial information for July as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$12.5 Million; total assets of \$46 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$46 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.6 Million for the month and \$95 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$377,281) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$67,758. Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$62,294 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$494,983. Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$1,788) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$108,325. Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net Income of \$2,855 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$196,881. Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$2,156 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$17,875. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$65,190 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$547,564. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Loss of (\$10,680) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$485,317. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$81,489 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$1,313,071. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$257,254) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income \$1,918,703.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel announced that the new EMR will Go Live on October 1, 2023. The Saturday and Sunday before the first of the month there will be several employees on site for testing. There will be people here from the software company to help with the new system.

Daniel stated that the nursing home is at 56 patients with 3 referrals. The census is going up. He stated that the new Greenwood location that NSMC will be opening has not posted a lot of positions but has had several applications sent in.

Daniel and Mr. Marlow spoke with Jamie Jacks and they are still expecting ERC money. They will pay from the day we are approved to the day we received it; therefore, at this time we are accruing interest.

Dr. Reddy is now here and seeing patients. He is currently limited to Medicaid, Medicare, and self-pay patients until his insurance is linked with all insurance payers.

Daniel introduced the new Walter B. Crook administrator, Kiki Jackson. She gave the Board a brief outline of herself.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

There have been 915 COVID test facility wide, 40 facility wide positive, 4.40% positivity rate, and 8 positive employees. Covid Inpatients total for the month are 8 and the average age 88.

In Utilization Management, the average length of stay for Acute Care that are less than 96 hours is 3.

In Safety and Risk Management, there were 3 medication errors, 4 employee incidents and 3 patient falls.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

She stated that the clinic saw 3690 patients in July. The average daily walk in was 126 patients a day. The average daily wait time is 1 hour and 30 minutes. The Clinic is extremely busy now with Covid. Monday the Clinic saw 230 patients and Tuesday the Clinic saw 236 patients. She stated the positivity rates for the following Covid: 10%, Flu 3%, Strep 19%, RSV 0%.

The Board adjourned at 12:44 PM, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman

Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary