

North Sunflower Medical Center  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
27 March 2024

**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, 27 March 2024, 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, Trustee; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Sam Miller, COO; Rodney Clark CAO; Billy Marlow, Executive Director; Sarah Williamson, Accounting Director; Lindsay Williams, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire; and Brooks Rizzo, RHC Clinic Director

GUEST: Morgan McNeer; Charlotte Sherwood; Mike Myers

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 28 February 2024 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Bobbie Bounds Allen, seconded by Phil McNeer, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the 25 October 2023 Amended Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by H.T. Miller, III, seconded by Willie Burton, and unanimously approved. The minutes of the 25 March 2024 Special Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Phil McNeer, seconded by H.T. Miller, and unanimously approved.

There was no unfinished business to bring before the Board for consideration.

Guest speaker, Mike Myers announced that Mississippi Police Supply is offering monogramming for NSMC employees. He wanted to make sure we were aware of their capability and reminded everyone to keep the business local. He stated he would be dropping off a pamphlet soon with special pricing for NSMC employees. He was going to give them to department heads, so they could disburse them to the hospital employees.

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

On motion of Bobbie Bound Allen, seconded by H.T. Miller, III, and unanimously approved, the Board moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

The next order of New Business was to review the Initial Credentialing application for Ahmet Bedestani, MD; Courtney Mathis, NP; Brianna Watkins, PA. The applicants' education and training, professional references, employment history, and license was verified, and queries from the National Practitioner Data Bank and the OIG were reviewed. The initial term will be for a period of one year at which time they will be permitted to apply for a two-year term. The applications and additional information were carefully reviewed and after discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of Ahmet Bedestani, MD; Courtney Mathis, NP; Brianna Watkins, PA and that they be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 March 2025 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.**

**Maker: H.T. Miller, III**

**Seconder: Willie Burton**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The last order of New Business was to review the Re-appointment applications for sixteen Physicians and one Allied Health Professional for a two year term. 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-credentialing applications for Keith Andrews, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Richard Arriola, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Vernon Barrow, III, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Robert Becker, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Sarah Deraney, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Marshall Edmondson, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Michael Folkes, CRNA; Edward Giaroli, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); William Henson, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Jeffrey Howard, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Amanda Johnson, DO (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); William Russ Johnson, MD(Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); John William Lewis, Jr., M.D.; Mary Moss, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); John Roberts, MD (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); Joanna Sadowska, DO (Tele-Radiologist with Premier Radiology); and James Warrington, Jr., D.O. and that they be approved for a two year term ending 31 March 2024.**

**Maker: Willie Burton**

**Seconder: H.T. Miller, III**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Sarah Williamson presented the financial information for February as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$6.2 Million; total assets of \$47.7 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$47.7 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.1 Million for the month and \$48.6 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of \$57,883 for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$534,770). Haire Drug Center, LLC had a Net Income of \$90,354 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$318,798. Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$4,466) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$17,772). Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$3,068 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$25,481. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$40,631 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$280,723. NSMC Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$17,425 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$403,254. The

Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$31,147 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$218,712. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Income of \$204,895 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$475,712.

The Administrative report was given as follows:

Daniel stated that because of the recent Cyber attack with Change Healthcare, the Cyber insurance will allow us to file a claim for any expenses or losses up to \$1.1 million. Because of the Cyber Attack, we have not been able to receive any insurance payments for our claims since February 28, 2024. We are working diligently with Change Healthcare to try to get paid. There is 2pm webinar today that he plans on listening to in order to get further educated on the cyber attack.

Rodney Clark presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:  
were positive (16.60%), 3 positive employees. He went on to state COVID Unit: Number or patients: 3, Average age: 71.3, Average length of stay: 6.7, expired: 0, discharged home: 3. The Hospital Acquired Infections: Swingbed: 1 CAUTI, 1 COVID and Senior Care: 2 C DIFF. NON Hospital Acquired Infections based off of cultures: UTI- Senior Care:4 Acute:6; Swingbed:2

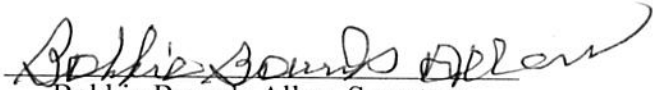
Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

She stated that the clinic saw 4,735 patients in February. The average daily walk in was 163 patients.

The Board adjourned at 1:35 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.



Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman



Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary