

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
26 March 2025

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, 26 March 2025, when and where the following were present:

H. T. Miller, III, Vice Chairman and Trustee; Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Willie M. Burton, Trustee; Stafford Shurden, Trustee; Mary Griffin, Trustee; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Brooks Rizzo, CCO; Charlotte Sherwood, CFO; Sarah Williamson, Accounting Director; Bayli Mancini, Administrative Assistant and Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Guest: Morgan McNeer, Jamie Lee, Esquire

H.T Miller III called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:57AM and asked Mr. Stafford Shurden to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 26 February 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Stafford Shurden, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton, and unanimously approved.

Jamie Lee from the EJ Saad law firm presented the Board with an update on the status of the ERC litigation. The ERC case has been filed against the IRS and we should have an answer to the Complaint by mid-late April. After the answer is filed, we will then have a conference with the judge to create a scheduling order and establish an early settlement conference date if possible. NSMC will need to send a representative if there is an early settlement conference and Jamie Lee will come back to the Board to discuss same.

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

There was no new business to bring before the Board for consideration

Sarah Williamson presented the financial information for **February** as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$3.3 Million; total assets of \$47.6 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$47.6 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.8 Million for the month and \$49 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$587,684) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$2,017,053) Diagnostic had a Net Income of \$87,049 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$170,843. Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$11,037 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$18,837. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$34,733 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$210,216. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$33,810 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$291,374. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$607,981) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,741,031).

Greenwood DME had a Net Loss of (\$3,555) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$34,067). Greenwood Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$12,770) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$76,384). Greenwood Clinic had a Net Income of \$59,074 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$494,453. Overall for Greenwood and Ruleville had a Net Loss of (\$624,306) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,851,481).

Financials for NSMC Pharmacy, Haire and Greenwood Pharmacy were not done because Insurance A/R were not correct because of problems from Change Health Care to Elevate in transmitting claims. They are working on the problem and hope to have corrected soon. No financial for NSMC Hospice was done because we don't have correct month end reports.

Daniel Ceja gave the administrative report as follows:

We have a few department head updates, hospice has a new director, Beth Bramlett, and IOP has a new director, Virginia Pantin. Beth is also the DON of hospice, we have had five or six new patients since Beth became director.

Charlotte and I have been working with payroll to see where we can cut overtime. Some departments will be getting raises within the next few months.

We have been working closely with Altera to resolve the issue with the outstanding bills some patients have been receiving. Since change health care's system hack, we could not send out patient bills. Once the issues had been resolved and we began using Quadax, our automated system sent out over a years' worth of patient bills. Some bills that were being sent out patients had already been taken care of, and they were receiving collection notices. At this time we have shut down the automated system until we get everything caught back up.

We submitted the cost report at the end of February. We had a 1.1 Million dollar payback, due to the lawyer fees from the indemnification.

Morgan McNeer presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

All fire and safety checks were completed for February. There were 3 falls in acute, 3 falls in swing bed, and 0 falls in the ER. We had 18 acute admissions and 37 swing bed admissions this month. With 1 acute readmission < 30 days and 1 swing bed readmission < 30 days. ER total visits were 453 with 29 transfers to other facilities. Total Length of Stay 3.7 days.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

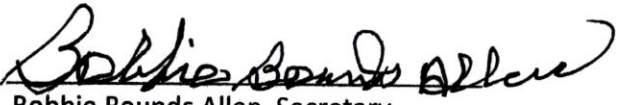
Brooks stated that the Sunflower Rural Health Clinic saw 3,905 patients in February. The average daily walk in was 139 patients. There is a 6% positive Covid rate, 19.4% Flu rate, 8.7% Strep rate and 4.7% RSV rate. Sunflower Greenwood Clinic saw 1511 patients in February. Daily average patients per day 54. Medicaid percentages in both clinics went up this month.

The Sunflower Rural Health Clinic has a new front office manager, Jody Merz.

The clinic has a new phone system that went into effect about six days ago. The new phone system now allows options to select where your call needs to be directed. As of now there are no complaints on the new system and calls are being handled more efficiently.

The Board adjourned at 1:21 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.


H.T. Miller III, Chairman


Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary