

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
23 April 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, 23 April 2025, when and where the following were present:

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

Guest: Morgan McNeer

H.T Miller III called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:56 AM and asked Mr. Stafford Shurden to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 26 March 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Stafford Shurden, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton, and unanimously approved.

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

The first order of New Business was for the Board to review and discuss the quote received from HUB for the renewal of the Property and Auto Insurance Policy. Sam Miller presented the following information to the Board for consideration:

Travelers Renewal includes Crime, Property, Auto & Inland Marine coverage as follows:

Property Coverage Breakdown:

- Real Property Value-\$60,137,775; Personal Property Value- \$24,042.27
- Valuation: Replacement Cost
- Flood coverage-liability limit range of \$1,000,000-\$5,000,000 depending on the location; deductible range of \$50,000-\$100,000 depending on the location
- Earth movement coverage- liability limit of \$5,000,000; deductible of \$50,000 or 2% of the building value-whichever is greater
- Wind and hail deductible of 1%; 100,000 min
- Equipment Breakdown-Spoilage coverage-\$100,000 limit; \$25,000 deductible
- Business Income- \$6,661,819 Million limit; 40% Coinsurance penalty; 48 hour waiting period; Valuation: Actual Cash Value
- All other Perils deductible: \$25,000

Auto Coverage Breakdown:

- Covered autos liability-\$1Million limit any one accident
- Medical payments-\$2000 each insured
- Hired/Non-Owned Auto Liability- Included
- Physical Damage Comprehensive and Collision deductible-\$2,000

Inland Marine Breakdown:

- Mahindra Tractor Coverage-\$27,000
- Tractor Attachments Coverage-\$8,000

Crime Coverage Breakdown:

- Per occurrence policy-computer fraud, employee theft, forgery and alteration, funds transfer fraud, money and securities inside and outside buildings-\$250,000 liability limit; \$2,500 deductible

Premium Summary Breakdown and Payment Schedule:

- Property: \$160,025.00
- Business Auto: \$142,521.00
- Total Premium (not including Crime): \$302,796.00 to be paid in 10 equal installments monthly.
- Crime coverage \$ 1,992.00 to be paid in full; annually for a 3 year policy.

MOTION: I move to accept the Property and Auto renewal quote for the May 6, 2025-May 6, 2026 policy term from Travelers Insurance Company, presented by Hub International with the total premium of \$302,796.00 to be paid in monthly installments. I further move to accept the Crime coverage quote from Travelers Insurance Company with the total premium of \$1,992.00 to be paid in full.

Maker: Mr. H.T. Miller

Seconded: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The second order of New Business was the Board reviewed three lawn care quotes that were included in the Board packets.

1. Premier Lawn Landscaping and Irrigation in the amount of \$74,820.00 for 12 months

Services include:

- Mow, Edge, Weed Eat, blow off every 7-10 days for 9 locations.
- Spray grass 4 times a year
- Spray flower beds for weeds and diseases as needed.
- Fertilize
- Trim hedges in spring and fall, and as needed during the year.
- Put mulch out once a year.
- Maintain sprinklers (start up and winterize, any repairs will be charged separate)

2. Martin Lawn Care in the amount of \$75,000 for 12 months.

Services include:

- Grass cutting, weed eating, edging, blowing off weekly.
- Fertilize
- Flower beds (trimming as needed)
- Mulching (once a year)
- Irrigation maintenance, including setting, watering times and all general maintenance to sprinkler systems.

3. Ray Property Management in the amount of \$43,200.00 for 12 months.

Services include:

- Lawn maintenance on all hospital grounds. Every 10 days during the mowing season (March-November) Mowing, edging, weed eating and blowing.
- Treat landscaped beds with Herbicide 3-4 times per year (As needed)
- Apply weed control spray to the lawn 3 times per year
- Flower bed and mulching will be done at the hospitals request in the spring & fall at the hospitals expense.

MOTION: I move to accept the Premier Lawn Landscaping and Irrigation quote in the amount of \$74,820.00 to be paid in 12 monthly installments. Premier Lawn Landscaping and Irrigation is more inclusive in the landscaping, compared to Martin Lawn Care and Ray Property Management.

Maker: Mrs. Bobbie Allen

Seconded: Mr. Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The third order of New Business was to review the Initial Credentialing application for Kristin Syed, MD (Wound Care Physician for Walter B Crook), Sydni Carman, PMHNP-BC (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner), and Kailey Dempsey, NP (Nurse Practitioner with Southeast Urogyn) and Kara Austin, NP (PRN Greenwood Clinic). 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 applications were carefully reviewed and after discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of Kristin Syed, MD (Wound Care Physician), Sydni Carman, PMHNP-BC (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner), and Kailey Dempsey, NP (Southeast Urogyn), Kara Austin, NP (Greenwood Clinic) and that they be given initial privileges for a period of one year ending 31 May 2026 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.

Maker: Mr. Willie Burton

Seconded: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The last order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for eleven Physician and five Allied Health Professional for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Ahmet Bedestani, MD; Faseeh Hadidi, MD; Jeff Andrews, DMD; Adelo Aquino, MD; Don Blackwood,

MD; Adam Brochert, MD; Charles Brock, MD; Margaret Cassada, MD; Andrew Martin, MD; Derek Miles, MD; William Wade Dowell, MD; Brianna Watkins, PA; Cortney Mathis, NP; Michael Beckum, NP; Cynthia Belenchia, NP; William Craig Renfrow, CRNA were reviewed. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Ahmet Bedestani, MD; Faseeh Hadidi, MD; Jeff Andrews, DMD; Adelo Aquino, MD; Don Blackwood, MD; Adam Brochert, MD; Charles Brock, MD; Margaret Cassada, MD; Andrew Martin, MD; Derek Miles, MD; William Wade Dowell, MD; Brianna Watkins, PA; Cortney Mathis, NP; Michael Beckum, NP; Cynthia Belenchia, NP; William Craig Renfrow, CRNA and that they be approved for two year terms ending 30 April 2027.

Maker: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Seconder: Mrs. Mary Griffin

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Sarah Williamson presented the financial information for **March** as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$3.4 Million; total assets of \$47.3 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$47.3 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.2 Million for the month and \$58 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of \$11,847 for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$905,785). Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$ 99,402) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$52,431). Diagnostic had a Net Income of \$61,633 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$232,476. Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$2,633 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$21,469. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$75,032 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$285,248. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$15,651 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$307,025. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$9,889) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$651,499).

Greenwood DME had a Net Loss of (\$4,960) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$39,026). Greenwood Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$14,850) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$89,267). Greenwood Clinic had a Net Income of \$84,888 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$470,857. Overall for Greenwood and Ruleville had a Net Loss of (\$29,698) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$779,792).

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 received an email from Redsail, explaining why we haven't had financials for the past couple months for our outside facilities. In January Redsail experienced intermittent interruptions that affected all Redsail/Change Healthcare customers. As a precaution, Redsail made a decision to disable their feed to Change Healthcare, which halted the flow of data to Elevate. Cencora has been working closely with Redsail and Change Healthcare to reactivate the Elevate feed. They have successfully reconnected with

Redsail in mid-March and have since worked to load the historical data. Both of our Pharmacies now have ongoing and past data flowing again.

Attorneys, Collier Graham and Beau Bettiga with Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A. will be representing North Sunflower Medical Center in the Bad Debt Lawsuit.

Haire has lost a lot of prescriptions over the last few months due to the new pharmacy in Cleveland.

We have had a few problems with the AR; Ket and Charlotte have been working on getting these problems straightened out. We have replaced a lot of people in admissions due to too many coding errors.

The call system in Walter B Crook has gone out completely. We are waiting on the quote for a new system. We have to get this fixed fast, due to the Walter B Crook regulations before we start receiving fines for each day we don't have a working system. Our backup plan for now is each resident has bells to ring when in need of assistance.

Daniel asked for a motion to determine if the board should go into executive session to discuss litigation matters. Mrs. Mary Griffin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation matters, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton. Motion Unanimously Approved.

On motion of Mrs. Mary Griffin, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, we will now go into executive session to discuss litigation matters. The Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Stafford Shurden, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, the board returned to regular session.

Morgan McNeer presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

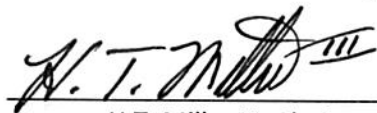
All fire and safety checks were completed. There were 0 falls facility-wide for the month of March. Total Length of Stay 3.71 days. ER Total visits were 543 with 40 transfers to other facilities. We had 24 acute admissions and 30 swing bed admissions this month. With 0 acute readmission < 30 days and 30 swing bed readmission < 30 days.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

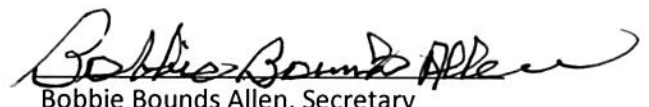
Brooks stated that the Sunflower Rural Health Clinic saw 3,381 patients in March. The average daily walk in was 124 patients. There is a 5.9% positive Covid rate, 9.9% Flu rate, 7% Strep rate and 3% RSV rate. Sunflower Greenwood Clinic saw 1,397 patients in March. Daily average patients per day 45.

Dr. Lisa Huddleston started seeing patients two days ago (Monday April 21st). She has seen about 20 patients each day.

The Board adjourned at 1:47 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.



H.T. Miller III, Chairman



Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary