

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
25 June 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, 25 June 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; Mary Griffin, Trustee; Stafford Shurden, Trustee; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Brooks Rizzo, CCO; Sam Miller, COO; Charlotte Sherwood, CFO; Bayli Mancini, Administrative Assistant and Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Guest: Gloria Dickerson

H.T Miller III called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:54 AM. Mr. Tucker Miller opened the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 28 May 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Willie Burton, seconded by Mrs. Bobbie Bounds Allen, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tucker Miller welcomed Mrs. Gloria Dickerson to the meeting.

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

The first order of New Business was the presentation of the General and Professional liability renewal proposal from Healthcare Professional Insurance Company (HPICO) by Sam Miller.

The Professional Liability coverage limits are \$500,000 for each medical incident and \$1.5 Million Aggregate with a \$25,000 deductible. The General Liability coverage limits are also \$500,000 per each occurrence and \$1.5 Million aggregate with a \$25,000 deductible. Aggregate fire damage coverage is \$50,000; patient property coverage is \$1,000 per each incident and \$10,000 aggregate; Personal and advertising injury limits are \$500,000 per each occurrence and \$1.5 Million aggregate; Employee Benefits Liability limits are \$500,000 per each medical incident and \$1.5 Million aggregate with a \$1,000 deductible; and terrorism coverage is included. The rates are as follows:

HPICO Proposal:

Professional Liability:	\$321,507.59
General Liability:	\$24,927.80
Terrorism Coverage:	\$ Included
Employee Benefits:	\$ Included
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	\$346,435.39
Apply Equity Credit-	\$233,342.96
Total Amount Due	\$113,092.43

After questions were answered regarding the quote, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the General and Professional Liability proposal from HPICO for the 2025-2026 premium year and that the total premium of \$113,092.43 be paid monthly with 25% down and three installments with interest.

Maker: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Seconder: Mr. Willie Burton

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The second order of New Business was to review the Re-appointment applications for four Physician and two Allied Health Professional for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Steven Clark, MD; Lamberto Couse, MD; Keith Russell, MD; DeGail Hadley, DO; Michaela Stone, FNP; and Denton Stokes, CRNA were reviewed. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Steven Clark, MD; Lamberto Couse, MD; Keith Russell, MD; DeGail Hadley, DO; Michaela Stone, FNP; Denton Stokes, CRNA and that they be approved for two year terms ending 30 June 2027.

Maker: Mrs. Bobbie Allen

Seconder: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Daniel Ceja presented the financial information for **May** as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$4.1; total assets of \$65.3 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$65.3 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$10.7 Million for the month and \$89.6 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$801,053) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,058,179). Haire Drug had a Net Loss (\$92,003) for the months and a year to date Net Loss of (\$129,356) Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$ 32,430) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$132,771). Diagnostic had a Net Income of \$19,136 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$279,858. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of (\$3,126) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$20,333. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$38,372 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$317,705. The Pharmacy had a Net Loss of (\$167,939) for the month and a year to date Net Income of \$436,729. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$78,276 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$398,222. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$1,058,179) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$952,865).

Greenwood DME had a Net Loss of (\$6,295) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$52,815). Greenwood Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$8,539) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$95,120). Greenwood Pharmacy had a Net Loss of (\$68,299) and a year to date Net Loss of (\$364,745) Greenwood Clinic had a Net Income of \$23,383 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$622,534. Overall for Greenwood and Ruleville had a Net Loss of (\$1,141,313) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,465,545).

Daniel Ceja gave the administrative report as follows:

We are still asking our providers to help out with the hospice numbers. We need about 10 more admissions within the next month to break even. Hospice can cover over 13 counties.

Greenwood DME is close to being open, we are just waiting on their credentialing.

On May 1st 2025, Sunflower Greenwood Clinic was certified to become a Rural Health Clinic.

CMS Novitas sent us a demand letter in regards to over payment of \$18,538.00. We have not sent the payment. If we send them the check, they are still going to hold our money plus the check we mail them.

Sam Miller presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

All fire and safety checks were completed without issue. 1 patient fall in the ER, patient attempted to walk and refused assistance, no injury. 2 patient incident one with IV infiltration, and the second one a patient became combative with a nurse, protocol followed in both incidents. 496 total ER visits. 18 admissions from ER to acute and 22 put in observation. 3.3 average length of stay. 18 admits to Acute. 33 admits to Swing bed. 2 patients readmitted in less than 30 days.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

Brooks stated that the Sunflower Rural Health Clinic saw 3,573 patients in May. The average daily walk in was 115 patients. There is a 2.1% positive Covid rate, 3.9% Flu rate, 2.0% Strep rate and 0.9% RSV rate. Sunflower Greenwood Clinic saw 1,386 patients in May. Daily average patients per day 45.

The numbers are down in Ruleville, we believe patients who live in Leflore County are now going to the Greenwood clinic.

Brooks asked the board if there is a policy for Employee Travel Reimbursement. She believes one needs to be created because our travel reimbursements are rather high.

After discussion, the board asked Brooks to prepare a travel policy to be presented at the next meeting.

The Board adjourned at 12:57 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.



H.T. Miller III, Chairman



Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary