

CUERO REGIONAL HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 27, 2022

The Board of Directors of Cuero Regional Hospital held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022, Cuero Regional Hospital, DeWitt County, Texas, at 5:30 P.M. The agenda was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present were:

John Frels, DDS, Chairman
Mrs. Faye Sheppard, Vice Chairman
Mr. Charles Papacek, Secretary
Mrs. Cindy Sheppard, Member
Mr. Richard Wheeler, Member

Leadership members present were:

Mrs. Lynn Falcone, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Alma Alexander, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Denise McMahan, Assistant Administrator
Mrs. Judy Krupala, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Sheryl Harvey, Chief of Staff
Dr. David Hill, Chief Medical Officer
Mrs. Kathy Simon, Administrative Assistant

Guests present were: Miss Anna Noel, Cuero Record, Mr. Marc Strode, Methodist Healthcare System, Mrs. Margaret Krause, Home Health Director, and Ms. Kristye Kahlich, Community Member

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO
ORDER

Community Input: None

COMMUNITY
INPUT

Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 2, 2021, as corrected, the special called meeting on December 8, 2021, the special called meeting on December 16, 2021, and the special called meeting on January 10, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statement and Statistical Report were provided. The Chief Financial Officer spoke on hospital financials and on clinic financials. The reports were accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL/
STATISTICAL

The quarterly investment report shows an increase in market value during the quarter of \$4,627,492.00 from \$46,329,298.00 to \$50,956,790.00. Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to accept the quarterly investment report as presented; motion carried unanimously.

QUARTERLY
INV RPT

MEDICAL
STAFF

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve the initial appointments (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Steven Bednarczyk, DO, Emergency Medicine, Yordanos Habtegebriel, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Christopher Happel, MD, Emergency Medicine, David M Ho, DO, Radiology-Telemedicine, Charles Huang, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Pavan Irukulla, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Edward Matheis, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Roma Mehta, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Gerard Murphy, MD, Radiology, Thoris Pan, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Jennifer Rude, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Brian Schwartz, MD, Cardiology – Telemedicine, Kara Stoudt, DO, Pulmonary & Critical Care, John Williams, MD, Radiology; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve the reappointments (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Thomas Davis, MD, Radiology, Punag Divangi, MD, Cardiology Telemedicine, Brian Parks, DO, Pain Management, Akhil Shenoy, MD, Endocrinology – Telemedicine; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve requested additional privileges (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Satyendra Arya, MD, Radiology, Moreko Griggs, MD, Radiology, Chad Lonsford, MD, Radiology; the motion carried unanimously.

The Marketing and Development Director's report was provided and consisted of a list of advertising and current events.

MARKETING

The Assistant Administrator's report on Quality/Safety, Finance, and Community was provided. Mrs. McMahan noted that we need to contract with two lab personnel, including the laboratory manager.

ASST. ADMIN.
REPORT

The Chief Nursing Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth and Community was provided. Mrs. Krupala noted that we were able to get a Med/Surg nurse from the state. She also noted that Megan Elliott, is now an official RN and part of our LINC program.

CNO REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth, Community and Clinic Operations was provided.

CEO REPORT

The Quality report was reviewed.

QUALITY

Compliance: None

COMPLIANCE

Committee Reports:

COMMITTEE
REPORT

Old Business:

The Board Chairman brought up a possible change in time for the board meetings to be at 12:30 p.m. versus 5:30 p.m. After discussion, no action was taken and board meetings will stay at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MTG
TIME CHANGE

New Business:

The Annual Home Health Report for HCSS License #001569 (Medicare License and Certification) and the HCSS License #001140 (Private Pay/Insurance Report) were presented for review by the board. The Chief Nursing Officer and Mrs. Margaret Krause, Cuero Home Health Director, gave a summary of the report. Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to accept the Home Health Annual Review as presented with one typographical correction; the motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL HOME
HEALTH RPT

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request to purchase a double deck convection oven. A quote from Baring for \$8,329.46 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Richard Wheeler seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$8,329.46.00 for a double deck convection oven; motion carried unanimously.

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For the May 2022 Election two board positions will become available. A request was made by Administration for board members to sign an election order for an election to be held on May 7, 2022. Mrs. Cindy Sheppard moved, Mr. Charles Papacek seconded, to sign an Order of Election for the DeWitt Medical District to be held on May 7, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF
ELECTION

Administration requested authorization to contract with the County Election Administrator to perform Election duties for 2022. After a discussion by the board members, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to grant authorization to the Chief Executive Officer to contract with the County Election Administrator for election duties for 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

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ELECTION
ADMIN.

Administration requested approval from the board for the Election Administrator to use the education classroom for the Joint Primary Election on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, including the afternoon prior and morning after that date for setup and pickup of equipment. After a discussion by the board members, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to grant authorization to the Election Administrator to use the Education Classroom for the Joint Primary Election on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, including the afternoon prior for setup and the morning after for pickup of equipment; the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION ADM
USE OF CLASSR

The Chief Executive Officer presented the MHS Annual Savings/Benefit Report. The Board recognized the savings/benefit of our relationship with Methodist. Board members are pleased with the MHS benefit to the organization and would like to get this information out to the community.

METHODIST
BENEFIT RPT

The Chief Nursing Officer presented the Policy and Procedure for Handling of Grievances. There are no new additions or updates to this policy. Mrs. Cindy Sheppard moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the Policy and Procedure for Handling of Grievances as presented with noted clarification changes by Mrs. Faye Sheppard; motion carried unanimously.

POLICY & PROC
HANDLING
GRIEVANCES

The Chief Financial Officer presented the Charity Care, Financial Assistance and Hospital Indigent Policies. There are no new additions or updates to these policies. Mrs. Cindy Sheppard moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the Charity Care, Financial Assistance and Hospital Indigent Policies as presented; motion carried unanimously.

CHARITY CARE
FINANCIAL AS
HOSP INDIGEN
POLICIES

The THT Annual Governance Conference is set for July 28-30, 2022. The board needs to consider and take appropriate action whether to change the board meeting date for July or not. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to move the July board meeting to Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

JULY BOARD
MTG CHANGE
FOR THT CONF

The Chief Financial Officer presented information regarding the TORCH Clinically Integrated Network Participation Agreement and requested authorization for the CEO and/or CFO to be able to sign the agreement. After discussion, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the CEO/CFO to sign the TORCH CIN Participation Agreement; motion carried unanimously.

TORCH CIN
PARTICIPATIO
AGREEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Cuero Little League Agreement and requested authorization to sign the agreement. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve and sign the Cuero Little League Agreement for use of practice fields as presented; motion carried unanimously.

CUERO LITTLE
LEAGUE

The Chief Executive Officer presented information regarding temporary recruitment bonuses. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve recruitment bonuses as amended for the next 180 days; motion carried unanimously.

RECRUITMENT
BONUSES

The Chief Nursing Officer presented a capital expenditure request for two new transport ventilators (EMS) using COVID funds. A quote from Zoll for \$35,381.09 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$35,381.09 for two new transport ventilators using COVID funds; motion carried unanimously.

CER TRANSPOF
VENTILATORS

The Chief Nursing Officer presented a capital expenditure request for two phototherapy devices (Childbirth). A quote from Neolight for \$9,856.50 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$9,856.50 for two phototherapy devices for Childbirth; motion carried unanimously.

CER PHOTO
CHILDBIRTH

The Chief Executive Officer presented a capital expenditure request for CRH Annex

CER ANNEX
SIGNAGE

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interior and exterior signage. A quote from Exhibix for \$2,016.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$2,016.00 for CRH Annex interior and exterior signage; motion carried unanimously.

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for two microscopes for lab. A quote from Fisher for \$5,561.80 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$5,561.80 for two microscopes from Fisher for lab; motion carried unanimously.

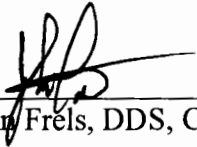
CER LAB
MICROSCOPES

Communications: The Board Chairman acknowledged a thank you note from Cuero Home Health.

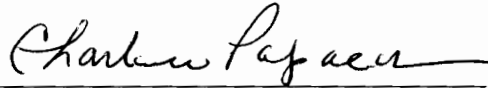
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There was no further business; Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ADJOURN



John Fréls, DDS, Chairman



Charles Papacek, Secretary