

GRAHAM HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
August 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of Graham Regional Medical Center met in the Education Conference Room on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 12:00 PM

Board members present: Wyatt Pettus, Dr. Behr, Jon Garvey, Suzy Graham, Terry Bishop, Barrie Strickland, and Sylvia Overton

GRMC staff present: Shane Kernell, Jared Brown, Mia Patterson, Bobby Hadderton, Pamela Harvell, Erin Ray, Kayla Ellis, Eric Steadham, Amy Wright, and Erin Freeman

Absent: Enoc Espinoza and Terri Busey

Others present: TC Gordon with the *Graham Leader*

Others present via Zoom: Mickey Allen with Endeavor Healthcare

Presiding Secretary: Tammy Whittenburg

1. Call to Order and Record Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 12:03. Invocation was given by Wyatt Pettus.

2. Public Comment

- a. Sylvia Overton updated everyone on the Auxiliary Golf Tournament, which will be held on September 8 and 9 at the Graham Country Club.

3. Meeting Minutes

The Directors were asked to review the minutes of the regular meeting on July 25, 2024, for any revisions or corrections.

Action

Motion by Dr. Behr, second by Sylvia Overton, to approve the regular board minutes of July 25, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

4. Finance Committee Report

- a. Presented and reviewed were the Financial Highlights for July 2024; Income and Expense Statements for the Month Ended July 31, 2024; Balance Sheet for the Month Ended July 31, 2024; Annual Statement of Sources and Uses of Cash Flow for the Month Ended July 31, 2024; GRMC 13 Month Cash Flow Projection through August 2025; Key Operational Indicators FY 2023 and FY 2024; Scorecards for July 2024 showing Admissions, Patient Days, Observation, Surgery Procedures, Radiology Procedures, Laboratory Procedures, Visits Statistics, Net Revenue to Cash Analysis, FTE/AOB Analysis FY 2024, and GRMC POS Cash Analysis. Also presented were the Scorecards showing Surgery Statistics from October 2023 through September 2024, Ambulatory Surgery Services from October 2023 through September 2024, and October 2022 through September 2023.
- b. Mickey Allen reviewed the Revenue Cycle charts.

Action

Motion by Terry Bishop, second by Suzy Graham, to approve the financial statements as presented.
Motion carried.

5. Action Items

a. Hospital-Wide and Patient Safety Plan

Bobby Hadderton, Safety Officer and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented the Hospital-Wide and Patient Safety Plan. The plan establishes the parameters within which a safe environment of care is developed, maintained, and improved. It also addresses specific responsibilities, general safety, and employee education programs. The GRMC Safety and Risk Committee meets every month. It is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive safety program through appropriate policies and procedures and conducting ongoing monitoring and evaluation of all aspects of the program.

Action

Motion by Dr. Behr, second by Jon Garvey, to approve the Hospital-Wide Safety Plan as presented.
Motion carried.

b. Distributed Money from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council

A resolution is needed from the Board of Directors to receive settlement funds from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council.

Action

Motion by Dr. Behr, second by Suzy Graham, to approve the resolution for the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council as presented. Motion carried.

6. Reports

a. Medical Chief of Staff Report

- i. Dr. Ryan Easterling was not in attendance.

b. CEO Report – Shane Kernell

- i. Construction has made a lot of progress. September 16 is the date for the 100% inspection of our clinic area.
- ii. Next month, we will have our public hearing on the proposed tax rate and budget.
- iii. We received our letter from Medicare that our swing bed is now CAH. We can bill back through April.
- iv. We are doing Prolia injections in our clinic area every other week.
- v. Mr. Kernell traveled to Washington, DC, the week of July 29. He met with John Henderson, President of TORCH, Travis Lucas, a lobbyist for TORCH, and two other CEOs. He also traveled to Colorado for the TORCH Board Retreat the week of August 5.

7. Executive Session

President Pettus convened into Executive Session at 12:53 PM.

Executive Session: The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to:

- a. Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032, deliberation of information from the Medical Staff regarding applications for appointment and/or reappointment to the Medical Staff, and

information from the Compliance Officer to consider quality assurance/performance improvement reports

Executive session adjourned at 1:30 PM.

8. Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 1:30 PM.

Action

Motion by Jon Garvey, second by Sylvia Overton, to approve the appointments, reappointments, and delegated credentialing of:

A. Appointments:

- Provisional
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Charles Vinson, MD
 - Neurology
 - Gurjeet Singh, MD
 - David Delman, MD
- Provisional to Hospital Based
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Mark Lekas, DO

B. Reappointments:

- Consultant
 - Gastroenterology
 - Joshua Stagg, MD
- Hospital Based
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Andrew Diaz, MD
 - Timothy Jones, MD
 - Paul Pompa, MD
- Consultant
 - Ophthalmology
 - Rocky McAdams, MD
 - Cardiology
 - Alvaro Rios, MD
 - Amit Prasad, MD
 - Jagadish Puppala, MD
- Allied
 - CRNA
 - Benjamin Lockmiller, CRNA

C. Delegated Credentialing

- Hospital Based
 - Teleradiology
 - Golnaz Aubin, MD
 - Emmet Balch, III, MD
 - Jeffrey Brace, DO
 - Jack Drew, MD
 - Sivan Golan, MD

- Lynn Hassan-Jones, MD
- Nuha Krad, MD
- Frank Morello, Jr., MD

Action

Motion by Suzy Graham, second by Terry Bishop, to approve the Quality Report as presented. Motion carried.

The board members did a walk-through to view the construction area and then returned to the conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.



Wyatt Pettus, President, Board of Directors



Tammy Whittenburg, Secretary, Board of Directors