

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
d/b/a WEST CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
12:00 p.m. - BOARD ROOM**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District d/b/a West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the hospital Board Room. Mr. Bobby LeTard called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed our guests. Mr. Mark McMurry led the group in prayer.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bob Davidson; Bobby LeTard; Mark McMurry; Cecil Sanner; Ellis Hassien

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Janie Fruge'; Jobie James; Dondra Zaunbrecher; Christi Kingsley; JW Peloquin; Thea Tran; Robbin Eaves; Matthew Welsh; Dr. Richard Roe, IV; Mitch Bowers

GUESTS PRESENT: Cody Hanchey, Tressie Brunson

Mrs. Janie Fruge' announced that Cody Hanchey was the recipient of the August CEO Shining Star Award.

Mr. LeTard presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on August 26, 2025, for approval. Mr. Bob Davidson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mark McMurry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. LeTard then announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and include a Budget presentation. That concluded the Chairperson's Report.

Mrs. Janie Fruge' presented the CEO's Report. She announced that the SFY 2025 physician UPL pre-print had been approved within the last two weeks. Funds are expected to begin arriving in October. Additionally, we are awaiting approval of the SFY 2026 pre-print for Hospital-Directed payments and Physician UPL. Mr. JW Peloquin reported that the organization received a donated ambulance from the Lower Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District 1. That brings our total number of ambulances to four (4). Of these, Two (2) will remain in active use; One (1) will be reviewed and presented for surplus approval; and the fourth is pending further evaluation. That concluded the CEO's Report.

Mrs. Jobie James, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Reports for the hospital for the period ending August 31, 2025. She reported a balance of \$19,886,009.11 in cash, compared to \$23,358,750.83 in July. Contributing factors include three (3) payroll cycles in August, a quarterly payroll tax payment, and lower than expected collections. Net Income for

August was (\$1,203,558.08) compared to a budgeted income of \$107,066.00 and (\$502,879.92) for the same period last year. She continued by reporting that Census Days totaled 500 for August, compared to a budget of 490 and 490 in August of last year. That concluded the Financial Report.

Mr. JW Peloquin then gave a Facilities Report. He began by announcing that the Draw Lab renovations have been completed. Additionally, renovations at 921 1st Avenue (formerly the Schlamp Clinic) are now finished, and the Pulmonology Clinic has successfully relocated to that building. Renovations have begun on 920 1st Avenue. Mr. Peloquin provided an update on a capital project approved in 2024 for the construction of a parking lot north of the Sulphur Diagnostic Center, originally approved for \$205,500.00. Due to permitting delays with DOTD, an updated quote was required. The new total cost is \$215,000.00. Based on this updated information, the project is now ready to begin. That concluded the Facilities Report.

Mrs. Robbin Eaves gave a Patient Care Report. She reported on the hospital's continued focus on reducing hospital-acquired infections (HAIs). In particular, efforts are ongoing to lower the rate of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTIs).

As part of this initiative, the hospital is partnering with Bard, the catheter manufacturer, to provide on-site Foley catheter education and training in October. This training will utilize virtual reality technology and will cover:

- Proper catheter insertion techniques
- An analysis of Foley catheter vs. PureWick system usage

This educational effort is intended to support clinical staff in improving patient outcomes and adhering to best practices in infection prevention. That concluded the Patient Care Report.

Mrs. Thea Tran presented the High Reliability Excellence Report: Improving Patient Safety & Quality/Compliance. She began with a Patient Experience Highlights Report covering the Inpatient Departments, Ambulatory Surgery, and the Emergency Department. Inpatient Departments focus areas include: medication communication and discharge instructions. Emergency Department focus areas include arrival experience and immediate bedding. Ambulatory Surgery has updated the discharge forms and increased focus on discharge phone calls. Next, Mrs. Tran announced that WCCH was recognized with the LHA Clinical Quality Improvement Award for targeted improvement in Hypoglycemic Management, CLABSI Rate, Falls with Injury, HAPI Rate, Opioid Stewardship – Concurrent, Sepsis Mortality, Post-Operative Sepsis, and SSI Abdominal Hysterectomy Rate. That concluded the High Reliability Excellence Report: Improving Patient Safety & Quality Report.

Mr. Matthew Welsh presented a Foundation/Marketing/Community Impact Report. He provided an update on recent and upcoming events, as well as fundraising efforts. *Wine Down* is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2025. To date, \$61,825.00 has been raised. The Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Walk will be held on October 18, 2025, at the Lake Charles Event Center. Fundraising to date totals \$116,700.00 That concluded the Foundation/Marketing/Community Impact Report.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned to approve and accept the Staff appointments, re-appointments, resignations, privileges, FPPE, and officers as submitted by the Medical Executive Committee. Mr. Ellis Hassien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Tressie Brunson reported on Hackberry Rural Health Clinic. She began by stating that the clinics are required to conduct Annual Advisory Committee meetings. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the facility's mission/philosophy, operations, finances, policies, and planned activities to ensure the facility is improving access to healthcare for the community and providing suggestions regarding facility changes based upon community needs, growth, and support. Staffing: There is 1 full-time Nurse Practitioner, 1 full-time nurse, 1 full-time and 1 part-time Medical Assistant, and 1 full-time Receptionist. The Clinic continues to work with Aledade for Medicare patients by performing annual wellness visits, the transition of care program, ED worklist, and chronic care management. The clinic also works with Aledade through a quality program for Blue Cross patients. One of the goals is to help lower readmissions, which can lower the costs of taking care of the patient. Ms. Brunson continued her report, informing the Board of a CITGO Health & Well-being Grant received to assist with food insecurity. The Hackberry Rural Health Clinic gave fifty-one (51) gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 per card, totaling \$2,550.00 in assistance to the community. Ms. Brunson presented data on patients visiting based on zip code. Hackberry residence shows the highest patient count at 458, followed by Sulphur (157), Carlyss (143), Lake Charles (44), Vinton (20), Johnson Bayou (16), Westlake (11), and DeQuincy (10). Next, Ms. Brunson reported on payer class mix as follows: Medicaid 33%, Blue Cross 29%, and Medicare 21%. Between January and August 2025, there were 1,660 patient visits, 14 more patient visits than in 2024. She followed with a report regarding performance improvement data. Ms. Brunson then presented the Board with the names of the Hackberry Rural Health Clinic Advisory Board members for approval. Those Advisory Board Members are James Duhon, Consumer of Service; Ashley Poole, RN, and Kevin Dupke, MD. Mr. Ellis Hassien motioned to accept the members of the Advisory Board as presented. Mr. Bob Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jobie James then gave the financial report for Hackberry Rural Health Clinic. She began by reporting a \$163,317.32 Net YTD revenue and a (\$169,008.92) Net YTD income. Maintenance tax has not yet been applied. That concluded the report on the Hackberry Rural Health Clinic.

Ms. Brunson then reported on the Vinton Medical Clinic. She began by stating that the clinics are required to conduct Annual Advisory Committee meetings. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the facility's mission/philosophy, operations, finances, policies, and planned activities to ensure the facility is improving access to healthcare for the community and providing suggestions regarding facility changes based upon community needs, growth, and support. Staffing: There are 3 full-time Nurse Practitioners, 1 full-time Nurse, 3 full-time Medical Assistants, and 2 full-time Receptionists. The Clinic continues to work with Aledade for Medicare patients by performing annual wellness visits, the transition of care program, ED worklist, and chronic care management. The clinic also works with Aledade through a quality program for Blue Cross patients. One of the goals is to help lower readmissions, which can lower the costs of taking care of the patient. Ms. Brunson continued her report, informing the

Board of a CITGO Health & Well-being Grant received to assist with food insecurity. The Vinton Medical Clinic gave ninety (90) gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 per card, totaling \$4,500.00 in assistance to the community. The installation of an x-ray machine for the Vinton Medical Clinic will begin tomorrow and take about three to four days to complete. Once finished, testing will be done followed by approval by LDH. Ms. Brunson presented data on patients visiting based on zip code. Vinton residence shows the highest patient count at 837, followed by Sulphur (346), Starks (200), Carlyss (157), Lake Charles (87), Westlake (39), and DeQuincy (26). Next, Ms. Brunson reported on payer class mix as follows: Medicaid 39%, Medicare 23%, and Blue Cross 13%. In January through August 2025, there were 3,869 patient visits, 302 more visits than in 2024. She followed with a report regarding performance improvement data.

Ms. Brunson then presented the Board with the names of the Vinton Rural Health Clinic Advisory Board members for approval. Those Advisory Board members are Darryl Moore, Consumer of Service; Tamara Breaux, Pharmacist; Keegan Benoit, Physical Therapist; and Russell Hearne, Physical Therapist. Mr. Mark McMurry motioned to accept the members of the Advisory Board as presented. Mr. Cecil Sanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. James followed with her financial report on the Vinton Rural Health Clinic. She reported a \$318,619.75 Net YTD revenue and a (\$364,223.96) Net YTD income. Maintenance tax has not yet been applied. That concluded the report on the Vinton Rural Health Clinic.

Ms. Brunson continued with a report regarding the Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic. She began by stating that the clinics are required to conduct Annual Advisory Committee meetings. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the facility's mission/philosophy, operations, finances, policies, and planned activities to ensure the facility is improving access to healthcare for the community and providing suggestions regarding facility changes based upon community needs, growth, and support. There is 1 full-time Nurse Practitioner, 1 full-time Nurse, 1 full-time Medical Assistant, 1 full-time Receptionist, and 1 part-time Housekeeper. The Clinic continues to work with Aledade for Medicare patients by performing annual wellness visits, the transition of care program, ED worklist, and chronic care management. The clinic also works with Aledade through a quality program for Blue Cross patients. One of the goals is to help lower readmissions, which can lower the costs of taking care of the patient. Ms. Brunson continued her report informing the Board of a CITGO Health & Well-being Grant received to assist with food insecurity. The Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic gave four (4) gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 per card, totaling \$200.00 in assistance to the community. Ms. Brunson presented data on patients visiting based on zip code. Johnson Bayou residence shows the highest patient count at 218, followed by Texas (50), Carlyss (36), Lake Charles (22), Hackberry (13), Sulphur (7). Next, Ms. Brunson reported on payer class mix as follows: Blue Cross 39%, Medicaid 12%, and Medicare 10%. In January through August 2025, there were 706 patient visits, 46 fewer visits than in 2024. She followed with a report regarding performance improvement data.

Ms. Brunson then presented the Board with the names of the Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic Advisory Board members for approval. Those Advisory Board members are Pamela Romero, Consumer of Service; Sydney Trahan, Nurse, and Ashley Poole, Nurse. Mr. Bob Davidson motioned to accept the members of the Advisory Board as presented. Mr. Ellis Hassien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. James then gave the financial report for Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic. She reported a \$461,203.96 Net YTD revenue and a \$75,042.80 YTD net income. That concluded the report on the Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic.

Capital Requests were submitted as follows:

1. Sleeper Couches: \$11,820.60

There was a motion by Mr. Mark McMurry, seconded by Mr. Bob Davidson, to amend the budget for \$1,497.60 and to approve the purchase of the Sleeper Couches for \$11,820.60. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry, to amend the agenda to add the following item:

Capital Request: Ultrasound E10: \$129,707.50. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Davidson then motioned, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry, to approve the purchase of the Ultrasound E10 for \$129,707.50. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned at 12:48 pm, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry to move into Executive Session for strategic planning, marketing, and personnel matters in keeping with Louisiana revised Statutes 42:6, 42:6.1, 46: 1073. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned at 3:55 pm to move back into Regular Session. Mr. Mark McMurry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Bob Davidson motioned, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Chairman of the Board

Secretary of the Board