

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
JOINT BOARD PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES
Cortez City Hall Chambers
September 26, 2018**

MCHD Board Present:

SHS Board Present:

Also Present:

Bill Thompson, Vice Chairperson	Tom Rice, Scty/Treas	Tony Sudduth, Interim CEO	
Fred DeWitt, Scty/Treas	Steve Fusco, Director	Maria Cornelius, MD Chief of Staff	
Jay Harrell, Director	Terry Cook, DPM, Director	Bridgett Jabour, Exec. Asst.	
Gala Pock, Director	Dan Valverde, Director	John Brooks, SHS Attorney	
Rob Dobry, Director		Aaron Brooks, SHS Attorney	
		Kelly McCabe, MCHD Attorney	
		Keenen Lovett, MCHD Attorney	
		130+ members of the public	

Agenda Item/Topic	Findings and Discussions	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up Responsible Party
Call to order	MCHD Vice- Chairperson Bill Thompson and SHS Secretary/Treasurer Tom Rice called the joint meeting to order at 5 pm.		
Public Comment	<p>SHS Interim CEO Tony Sudduth addressed the public and presented a Powerpoint (attached) showing updated SHS financials and an explanation of the increased expenses by SHS between 2015 and 2018 and the reason for the reduction in force. Mr. Sudduth also reviewed the plan of how SHS was decreasing expenses and correcting issues with billing and coding, changing materials purchasing and managing staffing and productivity.</p> <p>Both Boards thanked the public for coming and advised the purpose of the meeting is to allow them to speak to the Boards (while trying to be cognizant of the time available so all can speak - keeping it around 3 minutes if possible). Twenty-eight members of the public addressed both boards with questions and comments. Below is a summary of the general comments, questions and major discussion items,</p>		

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	<p>including Board responses to their questions. The names of public that spoke are attached.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Most addressed the SHS with disapproval in how the previous administration was not held accountable by the SHS Board for the financial and operational decline. Why didn't they address the issues sooner? There was general frustration and lack of trust in the administration of the hospital and the Board. 2) Much of the public had heard that Orthopedic Surgeon Doug Bagge, MD would no longer be working at SHS and were concerned they were letting a well-liked doctor go, especially with the current financial challenges 		
Adjournment		It was moved and seconded to adjourn the public forum meeting by both Boards at 7:18pm. Motion carried.	

Respectfully submitted:

Fred DeWitt, MCHD Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Rice, SHS Secretary/Treasurer