



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Newark, New Jersey

University Hospital
Community Oversight Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

University Hospital
150 Bergen Street
Room D-230
Newark, NJ

Present – University Hospital (“UH”) Community Oversight Board: James R. Gonzalez, *Chair*; Suzanne H. Atkin, MD; Nicole Butler; Deborah E. Collins, Esq.; Thomas M. Daly, FHFMA, CPA; John Gerow; Diane Hill, PhD; Jean Pierce

Excused – Dr. Robert Barchi

Present – UH Staff: Simone Bellamy, Special Assistant; Thaddaeus Diggs, Government Affairs; Barbara Hurley, Director, Government & Public Affairs; Jill Cooperman, Associate General Counsel; Mary Jo Lopez, Chief of Staff; Susan Palma, Interim Chief Nursing Officer; Tammy Robinson, Special Assistant; Paul Wermuth, Esq., General Counsel

Present – Guest: Father Robert Sandoz, Christ the King Preparatory School, President

Minutes

Mr. James Gonzalez, Chair, read from the Open Public Meetings Act:

The notice requirements provided for in the ‘Open Public Meetings Law’ and the ‘New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Restructuring Act’ have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was timely sent to various newspapers in the State of New Jersey and was also timely posted on the website of University Hospital.

Call to Order

A roll call was conducted and having a quorum of members present, Mr. Gonzalez convened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.



Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Dr. Hill, duly seconded by Mr. Gerow, the minutes of the Community Oversight Board meeting of July 29, 2014 were approved with all in favor.

Approval of Annual Schedule of Meetings

Upon motion from Dr. Atkin, duly seconded by Dr. Hill, the Community Oversight Board Annual Schedule for 2015 was approved with all in favor.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Gonzalez provided the following hospital update:

- ✓ UH opened an observation unit, a separate unit for the purpose of assessing and evaluating patients that are anticipated to have a less than 24 hour hospital stay. This unit will greatly assist in decreasing volume and wait times in the Emergency Department (ED).
- ✓ In collaboration with the City of Newark, UH opened a satellite office for the City's Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) on June 24, 2014. This unit will also assist in decreasing ED volume.
- ✓ In recent months, UH has contracted with Aetna, AmeriHealth, and United Healthcare for commercial and government programs. The hospital has requested that New Jersey Medical School contract with major managed care companies for hospital-based services such as anesthesia, pathology and radiology so that patient's out-of-pocket expenses are limited. Mr. Gonzalez is working closely with Dr. Justin Sambol, President of the Medical Staff, to address this issue.
- ✓ Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Navigant report contained recommendations for UH to become part of a regional medical center in Northern New Jersey.

In response to an inquiry regarding the probability of the Navigant report recommendations being implemented, a brief discussion ensued. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the Strategic Planning committee of the UH Board of Directors would be integral to further investigating specifics of the report. Ms. Pierce suggested that the Community Oversight Board remain engaged in any action resulting from the Navigant report. Mr. Gonzalez noted that while the Board of Directors would take the lead, he would ensure that members of the Community Oversight Board be engaged as well.



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Reports to the Community Oversight Board

- ✓ *Christ the King Preparatory School Presentation* – Father Robert Sandoz, President, provided an overview presentation of the opportunities provided to students through the Cristo Rey network program. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the program is ideal for the Newark area and offered support for future students.

- ✓ *Update on Ebola Preparedness* – Mr. Gonzalez reported that due to the skill set and expertise of the hospital’s trained staff members, the Department of Health has asked UH to train staff at other hospitals

There being no further business, the University Hospital Community Oversight Board meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.