



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Newark, New Jersey

University Hospital
Community Oversight Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Rutgers NJMS/University Hospital
Cancer Center
205 So. Orange Avenue
Board Room B-1120
Newark, NJ

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

Excused – Dr. Robert Barchi; Deborah E. Collins, Esq.; John Gerow

Present – UH Staff: Simone Bellamy, Special Assistant; Thaddaeus Diggs, Government Affairs; Nancy Hamstra, Chief Operating Officer; Amy Herbold, Esq., Assistant Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor; 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

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. James Gonzalez, Chair, convened the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Ms. Jean Pierce, duly seconded by Ms. Nicole Butler, the minutes of the Community Oversight Board meeting of March 3, 2015 were approved with all in favor.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Gonzalez presented the video "Welcome to World Class Medicine", a marketing and informational video which highlights specialized centers of excellence available at UH. Mr. Gonzalez further reported on the many awards and recognitions UH has earned particularly for Gold Plus status for Achievement in the Stroke and Heart Failure programs.

Mr. Gonzalez also reported that:

- Dr. Onajowwe Fofah and he served as co-chairs for the March for Babies walk that took place on April 26th. The UH Team raised over \$24,000.
- UH has assessed fifteen (15) possible Ebola cases and UH continues to serve as an Ebola assessment site for the State of New Jersey. The Department of Health has recommended to other hospitals in the State to model their assessments similar to UH. Mr. Gonzalez noted that UH has received funding for Ebola-related expenses from federal and state agencies and an additional donation from the Prudential Foundation in the amount of \$250, 000.
- On April 24th, Executive Leadership and the Chairman of the Board met with the Essex County Legislative Delegation. Among matters discussed were the Navigant Report and the impact of its recommendations for the City of Newark; contracting with Rutgers for patient services; the Charity Care subsidy reduction of \$22 million for UH; the expansion of Medicaid for local residents; and the lack of State funding for oncology services in North Jersey.
- There was a brief update on the recommendations of the Navigant Report. The Board of Directors will work with the Governor's office to determine next steps for UH in relation to the recommendations. Ms. Pierce requested that representation from the Community Oversight Board be updated and included on discussions about the Navigant Report.

Ms. Pierce, representing Health Professionals and Allied Employees ("HPAE"), requested an update regarding the Barnabas consulting agreement. Mr. Wermuth advised that the initial contract was extended in April, 2015 for another year to ensure completion of current task orders. Ms. Pierce inquired as to how the task orders are being tracked and measured for effectiveness. Mr. Gonzalez stated that monthly reports are received for review by the Board of Directors. It was agreed that Barnabas consultants would be invited to a meeting of the Community Oversight Board to provide a presentation regarding consulting services provided.

UH Chief Financial Officer, Thomas Daly reported:

- With the expansion of Medicaid eligibles in Newark, the Hospital receives significant monies to support patient care and has a dramatic impact for the hospital financials.
- UH is working with other State agencies to refinance the short-term Bonds issued on July 1, 2013. The state has solicited bids for an underwriter to contract with for the refinancing.

There being no further business, the University Hospital Community Oversight Board meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM with all in favor.