



UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Newark, New Jersey

University Hospital
Community Oversight Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION
Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Cancer Center – Board Room, B-1120
205. S. Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ

Present – UH Community Oversight Board: James R. Gonzalez, *Chair*; Suzanne H. Atkin, MD; Deborah E. Collins, Esq.; Thomas M. Daly, FHFMA, CPA; John Gerow; Diane Hill, PhD (via teleconference)

Excused – Dr. Robert Barchi; Jean Pierce

Present – UH Staff: Simone Bellamy, Special Assistant; Thaddaeus Diggs, Government Affairs; Barbara Hurley, Public Affairs; Susan Palma, Interim Chief Nursing Officer; Tammy Robinson, Special Assistant; Paul Wermuth, Esq., General Counsel

Present – Guests: Nicole Butler; Douglas Dennis; Deborah Wiggins

Minutes

Mr. James Gonzalez 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 12:12 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Community Oversight Board meeting of April 15, 2014 were approved with a motion from Ms. Collins; the motion was seconded by Dr. Atkin with all in favor.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Gonzalez provided an update on hospital initiatives and achievements. He highlighted that UH underwent site visits by the Department of Health and Human Services, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Joint Commission. Crediting the ongoing preparedness strategy implemented hospital-wide, Mr. Gonzalez noted that the outcome of each survey was very favorable. He also reported the following:

- For the 40th Anniversary of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, UH hosted Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas H. Fisher and provided a tour of the UH Farmer's Market ;
- UH is the only hospital in New Jersey to be awarded Gold Plus recognition for Heart Failure and Stroke and Target Honor Roll status. UH is also one of only two New Jersey hospitals to be awarded the Gold Plus rating for Heart Failure and Stroke Care;
- University Hospital's Trauma unit was featured on the "NY Med" television series. The series showcased the dedicated and talented Rutgers faculty staff, residents and UH's nursing, support and emergency services staff on a national scale;
- The recently opened UH observation unit - a separate unit to assess and evaluate patients that are anticipated to have a less than 24 hour hospital stay, will assist in decreasing volume in the Emergency Department;
- In collaboration with the City of Newark, UH opened its Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) on June 24, 2014. This unit also assists in decreasing ED volume.
- As of August 1, 2014 UH initiated a managed care contract with United Healthcare; other contracts with Aetna, Ameri-Health, Cigna and Well Care are being negotiated.

Reports to the Community Oversight Board – UH Supplier Diversity Program

Mr. Douglas Dennis, Director of Supply Chain introduced Ms. Deborah Wiggins, Manager of Supplier Diversity who provided a presentation regarding UH's Supplier Diversity Program. Her



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report highlighted the hospital's position as a major employer in the community and its efforts to reach minority and woman-owned suppliers.

Following Ms. Wiggin's presentation, Ms. Collins suggested that the department's website include a link to the County of Essex Purchasing Portal Vendor Opportunities to provide greater access to minority suppliers.

There being no further business, the University Hospital Community Oversight Board meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.