



Community Oversight Board of Directors

Public Meeting
October 12, 2022
11:30 AM

Webex
University Hospital
Newark, New Jersey

Members Present: Diane Hill, PhD, Chair; Nicole K. Butler; MBA; William Holubek MD; Gary Huck; Wendy Bobcombe, RN; Mary O'Dowd

Absent: John Gerow;

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Opening Statement

Chairwoman Hill welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Tracy Forsyth to please read the Open Public Meeting Notice and take a roll call. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 11:32am.

II. Patient Safety Story

Ms. Mary Maples reported a patient safety story regarding University Hospital's continued efforts in working towards providing an Ebola testing and monitoring site at University Hospital. She praised the staff's continued effort surrounding this task, and wanted to make sure to let the Community Oversight Board knew of the hard work that was part happening at university Hospital.

III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Maples provided a short report regarding the summary of the recently completed 2019-2022 Strategic Plan that was going to be shown to the committee in greater detail later in the meeting. She just wanted to reiterate how hard the University Hospital staff has worked and the progress that they have made over the years, which would be presented later in the meeting.

IV. Public Comment

Chairwoman Hill opened the meeting for public comment and Ms. Tracy Forsyth, Corporate Secretary provided instructions for the public. Many members of the public provided questions regarding the search for a new President and CEO for University Hospital, as well as echoing the need for the state of New Jersey to provide additional funding to the hospital for additional resources.

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairwoman Hill accepted a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022, meeting of the Community Oversight Board. The motion was made and duly seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

VI. Discussion Items and Presentations

A. 2019-2022 University Hospital Strategic Plan Conclusion

Ms. Mary Maples, Interim President and CEO, went into a full summary presentation of the Strategic Plan that was agreed upon by the University Hospital Board of Directors back in 2019. This plan was meant to provide the future of University Hospital some standards that they were meant to hit, and to provide structure to the future of University Hospital. Mary highlighted the growth that University Hospital made during this time and highlighted that they had hit 92% of the total progress that had been laid out for them over the time. Then she went on to review each initiative individually and showed where we have made strides in those specific areas.

B. University Hospital Master Plan Community Engagement Synthesis

Ms. Brooke Tippens, Director of Community Affair, & Ms. Corinne Barthelemy & Ms. Caroline Shannon of Gensler Partners, provided a summary of the Community Engagement portion of the Master Plan project that had been taken place for the potential new University Hospital building. IN this summary they explained the responses that they had received from the community of what needed to be included in any potential new University Hospital building. While there was many specific examples that were provided the three main pillars that were mentioned were the need to foster a sense of safety and trust, to build the community and provide opportunities, and finally the need to create conditions for better health and well-being.

C. Improving Cancer Screening Access for the Community

Ms. Katrina Schirmacher, Cancer Center, Executive Director, provided an update of the current cancer screening access that was being given to the University Hospital community. She provided a summary of the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey at University Hospital, and all the different things that the Cancer Center can treat. She then went on to highlight the current lung and breast cancer initiatives that were going on in the cancer center and finished up with providing a summary of the current community outreach initiatives that were taking place. This was highlighted by the recent award funding for a new breast cancer screening van to be purchased.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 12:56pm. The next meeting of the Community Oversight Board is tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom.