



The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting
January 25th, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom
University Hospital
Newark, New Jersey

Present: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; David Molowa, MD, Vice Chair; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Keith H. Green, BS; Heather Howard, JD; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Mark Lattouf, MD; Mary O'Dowd, MPH Steven Landers, MD;

Excused: Eric S. Pennington, Esq.;

MINUTES

I. Opening Statement and Roll Call

Chairwoman Freeman welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked McKenzie Wilson Esq., Corporate Secretary, to read University Hospital's statement of compliance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act and call the roll. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 10:03 a.m. Ms. Wilson also introduced our newest board member, Mr. Joseph Baumann to the rest of the committee.

II. Patient Safety Story

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President & CEO, provided a patient safety story about the findings that a University Hospital pharmacist had made when reviewing a patient's orders. This patient's order had been given for essentially the same medication multiple times; however, it was broken up into three different orders. The pharmacist recognized this and said that a liver test should be given to make sure that patient could support these kinds of medications. The test had come back with liver insufficiency, and if the pharmacist had never recognized this, there could have been harm done to the patient by these medications.

III. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting. Dr. Brian Strom motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; the motion was approved by a vote of the members. Mr. Joseph Baumann abstained from voting.

IV. Discussion Items and Reports



A. The Podiatry Center at University Hospital Presentation

Dr. Keith Cook, Director of Podiatry Services, provided a service line spotlight on the current actions taking place in the Podiatry Department at University Hospital. Dr. Cook summarized the current staff that the Podiatry department has, which includes, 4 FTE Attendings, 5 "Community" Attendings, and currently 10 residents. He then went on to explain the services and locations in which the department operated, which includes University Hospital's clinic's, Emergency Department, and Operating Rooms. Dr. Cook explained that the department sees roughly 5000 patients a year in the University hospital clinics, roughly 600 in the wound care center, and roughly 300 in surgical volume.

B. Second Quarter Financials- Mr. Gary Huck

Mr. Gary Huck provided an update on the FY Q2 financial statements and the fiscal year to date statements and information of University Hospital. He emphasized that University Hospital was struggling with discharges, however, they were up on the Emergency Department and the Outpatient facilities. Mr. Huck then went on to explain that the DCA grant money would be in this quarter and that it would be \$10 million dollars. Mr. Huck also emphasized that University Hospital was off budget for the year on surgeries but were up on the Emergency Department and Clinic visits.

C. Broadway House CY24 Budget

Mr. Jim Gonzalez provided a summary of Broadway House and their Calendar Year 2024 budget request. This started off with Mr. Gonzalez providing a history of Broadway House and what they are currently doing to meet the core values of the institution. This then went into a summary of the Calendar Year 2023 budget request, which was similar to the request for Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Gonzalez concluded with a summary of all the items that Broadway House was looking into in regard to grants and other avenues for funding.

V. Public Comment

Ms. Tanya Freeman opened the meeting up to the public for the public comment period. There were no public comments, at this time.

VI. Proposed Actions

Ms. McKenzie Wilson presented the following action items and corresponding resolutions, all of which were previously reviewed and recommended for approval in Committees.

- A. Resolution 2024-0125-224: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of January 9th, 2024*
- B. Resolution 2024-0125-225: AP21-105S - Intuitive Surgical*
- C. Resolution 2024-0125-226: Approval the CY24 Broadway House Budget*



D. Resolution 2024-0125-227: Ratification of Actions

- *Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of December 17th, 2023*
- *Approval of Publicly Bid RFP # UH-P24-006, General Contracting Services for Emergency Department Expansion*

Then Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

VII. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Ed Jimenez started off his presentation by addressing some issues that had been brought to the attention of the board by members of the public who had provided a comment at the last board meeting. Mr. Jimenez then provided a presentation on multiple topics that are currently going on at University Hospital. Mr. Jimenez led off the presentation by providing an update of the new personnel that have started at University Hospital. Then there was a discussion regarding the proposed update to the Master Plan for both the new University Hospital building and the new Rutgers University RBHS Campus. These newly proposed changes came at the suggestion of the EDA and Rutgers University and centered around an elevation assessment that had been taken place, which had suggested that given the elevation of the land near University Hospital, there could be some different options for how the new campus and Hospital could be built. Mr. Jimenez said that no decision had been made and that there would be more information to come on this topic.

Mr. Jimenez then went on to explain the proposed FY25 Budget request that University Hospital had sent to the Governor's Office. It is highlighted by a request for \$63 million for Capital projects, \$2.0 million for Newark EMS management, \$70 million for the Rutgers Clinical Services Agreement, and an increase of state funded FTE's to 3700.

Mr. Jimenez then closed his presentation by discussing the status of University hospital's ongoing capital projects, as well as the opening of our new retail pharmacy, and our newly acquired mobile mammography unit.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the members voted to adjourn the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital at approximately 11:02 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM.



CERTIFICATION

I, McKenzie Wilson, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of University Hospital, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the Public Session of the University Hospital Board of Directors meeting conducted on January 25, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

McKenzie Wilson, Esq.
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary