



Meeting of the Community Oversight Board of Directors

PUBLIC SESSION
November 1, 2017
11:00 AM

University Hospital
150 Bergen Street, Room D-230
Newark, New Jersey

Present: John N. Kastanis, MBA, FACHE; Nicole Butler; Thomas Daly, FHFMA, CPA; John Gerow; Jean Pierce (via teleconference)

Excused: Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD; Deborah Collins, Esq.; Diane Hill, PhD

I. Opening and Call to Order

Mr. John Kastanis opened the meeting with a request for a roll call. With a quorum of members present, the meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Kastanis accepted a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2017 meeting of the Community Oversight Board. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Old Committee Business

Chair Kastanis referenced a previous discussion regarding changing the current quarterly meetings of the Board to bi-annual meetings. In response to Ms. Pierce's inquiry, it was stated that the Bylaws provide for unscheduled meetings to be held if the need arises.

Chair Kastanis accepted a motion to convene the Community Oversight Board on a bi-annual basis going forward. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board members will be provided proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2018 via electronic mail.

IV. New Committee Business

A. Report of the President and CEO

Chair Kastanis provided an update on the improvements at University Hospital and highlighted the new and ongoing collaborations the Hospital has undertaken. With Rutgers Medical School, the provision of outpatient care has been reorganized culminating with the integration of the Doctor's Office Center (DOC) within the Ambulatory Care Center. This integration also included an upgrade to the Epic electronic medical record to attain meaningful use reimbursement previously unavailable to the DOC practices.

A population health strategy with the Robert Wood Johnson – Barnabas Health System is in development stages. The goal is to incorporate specialized services on an outpatient basis in conjunction with the Department of Health, City of Newark and area healthcare providers. During the discussion, Ms. Pierce inquired if the aforementioned collaboration was related to a recent Letter of Intent between Rutgers Health Services and Barnabas Health. Chair Kastanis stated that the agreement University Hospital made with Barnabas was related only to population health.

University Hospital continues to provide emergency medical services (EMS) to the City of Newark. In addition, Chair Kastanis reported that five members of the Hospital's EMS team also participate on the New Jersey EMS Task Force and were deployed to the US Virgin Islands following the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Chair Kastanis reported that the Hospital continues to rely on subsidies through State appropriations and Charity Care. He noted that the Hospital sustained a significant budget cut in May 2017 resulting in a budget shortfall. A brief discussion ensued regarding University Hospital's continued performance improvement efforts as well as programs such as Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) that are in place to improve budget outcomes. Mr. Gerow inquired whether there is a champion in Trenton to support the Hospital. In response, Secretary Paul Matey, Senior Vice President, General Counsel stated that as a result of robust and consistent advocacy, the Hospital has garnered a great deal of support in Trenton and amongst both gubernatorial candidates.

Lastly, Chair Kastanis provided brief updates regarding rebranding of the Hospital, the quality Leapfrog scores and recent recognition and awards received by University Hospital.

B. Community Relations Update

Ms. Sara Pena, Senior Community Outreach Coordinator, reported on University Hospital's community engagement activities from January – October 2017. Ms. Pena underscored the Hospital's commitment to outreach, education and collaboration that are the hallmarks of the mission. She reported that to date, over 7,000 residents have been educated, 921 event attendees have received clinical screenings and the department conducted 97 health fairs and speaking engagements. She provided a presentation which highlighted the various

events that took place during the year and announced upcoming events. Ms. Butler offered assistance in establishing a contact within the Newark Public Library system to disseminate information regarding events in which University Hospital participates.

V. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received for this meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Community Oversight Board was adjourned at 11:55 am.