



Meeting of the Community Oversight Board of Directors

PUBLIC SESSION
February 17, 2016
11:30 AM

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Cancer Center
205 South Orange Avenue, Board Room B-1120
Newark, New Jersey

Present: Nancy Hamstra, *Chair*; Suzanne Atkin, MD; Thomas Daly, FHFMA, CPA; Diane Hill, PhD; Jean Pierce

Present Via Teleconference: Nicole Butler

Excused: Robert Barchi, MD; Deborah Collins, Esq; John Gerow

Present – UH Leadership and Staff: Paul Matey, Esq, *Senior Vice President and General Counsel*; Mary Jo Lopez, *Executive Director of Special Projects*; Tammy Robinson, *Special Assistant*

Guests: Qamar F. Carr, *Director Patient Registration and Financial Counseling*; Lois V. Greene, DHA, RN, *Ambulatory Care Nursing Director*; Sara Pena, MPA, *Senior Community Outreach Coordinator*

I. Opening

Chair Hamstra opened the meeting with the reading of 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.

A roll call was conducted and having a quorum of members present, the meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Hamstra accepted a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting of the Community Oversight Board. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Report of the Interim President and CEO

Chair Hamstra reported highlights from her report to the Board:

A. Chair Hamstra announced that Mr. John Kastanis, MBA, FACHE, was appointed as the new President and Chief Executive Officer for UH. Mr. Kastanis will begin employment with UH on March 1, 2016.

B. Chair Hamstra announced that Mr. Carl Kirton, RN, DNP, MBA, was appointed as the new Chief Nursing Officer for UH. Dr. Kirton began employment with UH in January.

C. Chair Hamstra reported that the revenue and refinancing of the bonds for UH was completed successfully in December.

D. Chair Hamstra stated that the sale of land, building and equipment and transfer of the Camden EMS services to Cooper Hospital was authorized and completed.

E. Chair Hamstra provided an update of the negotiations with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ). Upon completion, UH will offer nationally designated cancer care.

F. Chair Hamstra reported that the hospital recently upgraded CT technology with a 128 Slice and a 64 Slice CT Scanner.

G. Chair Hamstra reported that fourteen surveyors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Jersey Department of Health toured the Extended Treatment Area (ETA) previously used to quarantine patients exposed to the Ebola virus. The surveyors also reviewed policies, protocols, operational plans, and training programs. UH received "excellent" ratings for each domain.

H. Chair Hamstra reported that UH was invited to join the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System ("NEISS").

I. Chair Hamstra stated that the IST department successfully implemented the Epic Beaker Clinical Laboratory System. This represents the last major implementation of the clinical systems for Epic.

J. Chair Hamstra reported that UH conducted its First Annual "Healthy Heart Program Award Ceremony" for fourteen patients who participated in the heart health program.

K. Chair Hamstra stated that UH displayed its spirit of giving by participating in Operation North Pole, the United Community Shelter program, and the Salvation Army Adopt an Angel program.

L. Chair Hamstra reported that through the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund grant, UH would upgrade the overall infrastructure. She noted that to date, all roofs have been replaced. The next projects to be undertaken are upgrades of the emergency power generators, sprinkler systems, HVAC systems, and windows.

IV. Introduction of Directors Desk

A. Ms. Mary Jo Lopez provided a demonstration of the Directors Desk Board Portal Software. She noted that the portal provides a secure method of distributing Board meeting materials.

B. Ms. Lopez stated that going forward, all COB materials will be provided via Directors Desk.

V. Community Relations and Communications

A. Chair Hamstra briefly introduced Mr. Paul Matey, Esq. to the Board. Mr. Matey will assume oversight of the Department of Public Affairs.

B. Mr. Matey introduced Ms. Sara Pena who provided a report of the community events and program initiatives that took place in 2015.

V. Update Medicaid Expansion and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Enforcement Penalties

A. Ms. Qamar Carr provided a comprehensive report regarding the ACA marketplace, expansion of the program, and enforcement of penalties.

VI. Readmissions and Disadvantaged Communities

A. Dr. Lois Green provided a presentation regarding reasons for patient readmissions as well as ways to decrease readmissions.

B. Following the presentations, Dr. Hill commented on the cohesion of the three presentations and how the outreach by UH has assisted in making UH more visible in the community. She noted that this is aiding in communicating the services and resources available through UH. Dr. Hill recommended that the good work of UH be communicated to the legislative body that appointed the Community Oversight Board members.

VII. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received for this meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Community Oversight Board adjourned at 12:44 pm.