



## Community Oversight Board of Directors

Public Meeting  
April 13, 2022  
11:30 AM

Webex  
University Hospital  
Newark, New Jersey

**Members Present:** Diane Hill, PhD, Chair; Nicole K. Butler; Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA; William Holubek MD; Gary Huck; Wendy Bobcombe, RN

**Absent:** John Gerow; Mary O'Dowd

### MINUTES

#### **I. Call to Order and Opening Statement**

Chairwoman Hill welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Mary Maples to please read the Open Public Meeting Notice and take a roll call. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 11:34am.

#### **II. Patient Safety Story**

Dr. Elnahal reported a patient safety story that involved a recent court case that was surrounding a nurse who had been convicted of a crime regarding a medical error that she had made. This emphasized some concern within the medical community regarding potential legal action taken upon themselves for mistakes that they make. He then went on to speak about the need for the University Hospital staff to be able to elevate issues that they have made or are seeing in the hospital without the worrying of there potentially being a repercussion for their actions.

#### **III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Dr. Elnahal provided an update on the current state of the newly proposed University Hospital building that was being discussed. He then went on to explain that this project could have to be done in phases and that a new masterplan was hopefully going to be completed in the next few weeks. He then went on to speak about the ask to the state regarding funding the new project, in which he stated that he was not sure how much the state was going to provide, but that University Hospital was preparing for whatever the amount was.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Chairwoman Hill opened the meeting for public comment and Ms. Mary Maples, Corporate Secretary provided instructions for the public. Many members of the public praised Dr. Elnahal for the work that he had done and wanted to wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

## **V. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chairwoman Hill accepted a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 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. Community Engagement Update**

Brooke Tippens, Director of Community Affairs, conducted an overview of the materials provided to the Board members for the April 2022 Calendar of Events, and went on to highlight that April was Organ Donation Month.

Ms. Tippens then provided an update to the Brick-by-Brick campaign that was beginning to take place for all internal University Hospital staff as well as the community. This is a process to work with those who would benefit the most from a new hospital, to see what they had in mind for the new things that needed to be done for the future. She provided a full strategy for both internal and external use and highlighted the calendar of events for this project.

### **B. Campus Revitalization Update**

Ms. Mary Maples, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary & Mr. Bob Iannaccone, Executive Vice President spoke on the new campus revitalization project that was being done at University Hospital. They provided a summary on potential funding avenues and how there is a need for innovation and industry partnership to help complete this project. They discussed the continued discuss with the state regarding potential funding help that will be coming from the state. Mr. Iannaccone then went on to highlight that this project will take many years to complete and that there has been an emphasis on phasing the project properly so that there would not be a interruption to the community.

### **C. Healthcare Equality Index Presentation**

Dr. Carl Kirton, Chief Nursing Officer & Dr. Frank Hickey, VP of Ambulatory Care Services provided an overview of the materials given to the Board. They explained the Healthcare Equality Index program and emphasized the continued success that University Hospital ahs in the program. University Hospital has received a 100% score for the second year in a row. This was meet with applause from the committee and those attending the meeting. Dr. Hickey then went on to highlight the work within the community to achieve this achievement and explained how the program focuses on mind, body, and soul. They also provided praise to Ms. Valerie Jackson who was leading the program from the University Hospital side.

### **D. Overview of Population Health Program**

Dr. Colette Barrow, Executive Director of Community and Population Health & Dr. Chris Pernell, Chief Integration and Equity Officer, provided an update on the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment project that was being conducted at University Hospital. They explained some of the work her team is doing in the modules from improving communities, reducing inequities, and reminding the staff that these are stories that change us. The further explained the community health needs assessments to make sure we are developing

strategies that impact real needs and noted this is demonstrated in the 2021 data collection. Dr. Barrow provided some statistical information as to who makes up our community and where do they mostly come from. To gather this useful data, UH worked with the City of Newark to obtain tailored research and conduct focus groups. Dr. Barrow mentioned we can expect to hear more in the weeks to come and how we can further meet their needs.

## **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 12:49pm. The next meeting of the Community Oversight Board is scheduled for August 10, 2022, at 11:30am via Zoom.