



The Board of Directors of University Hospital (“UH”)

Public Meeting
April 22, 2020
1:00 p.m.

Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
at University Hospital
205 South Orange Avenue, Board Room B-1120
Newark, New Jersey

Present via Teleconference: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; James M. Orsini, MD, Vice Chair; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD, MBA; Keith H. Green; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; David T. Molowa, PhD; Mary O’Dowd, MPH; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH

Excused: Robert J. Rubino, MD

I. Opening Statement and Roll Call

Chairwoman Freeman opened the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance, and thank participants for joining the remote meeting to ensure everyone’s health and during the current COVID-19 pandemic. At the direction of Chairwoman Freeman, Ms. Tammy Robinson 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 called the roll. With a quorum of members participating, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Chairwoman Freeman opened the meeting to public comment. Two individuals provided the following remarks:

Ms. Ingrid Hill of the Peoples Organization for Progress made inquiries regarding Covid-19 and whether the hospital’s staff was adequate to accommodate the influx of patients; if DNR or “Do Not Resuscitate” orders are being implemented; and how the hospital is helping families find closure if a patient succumbs to the virus with no family present.

Ms. Lavita Johnson of the Newark NAACP inquired whether the hospital participates in contact tracing. Ms. Johnson further commended Dr. Elnahal, the hospital staff and all of the frontline workers for their efforts in combatting Covid-19 and preserving life.

III. Discussion Items

Chairwoman Freeman introduced the next presentation on the agenda and Dr. Elnahal provided a high-level briefing of the report.

A. Summary of COVID-19 Patient Experience and Trends

Mr. Hamani Franklin, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Data Governance and Project Management provided a presentation of COVID-19 trends throughout the State. He reported that the confirmed inpatient cases by county are on the decline as well as the number of patients under investigation. The current trends suggest that the “curve” is flattening in New Jersey amid increased discharges. Mr. Franklin further stated that the plateau has served to ease the capacity constraint the Hospital experienced throughout the first half of April, 2020. He further noted that since forecast models project a decrease in bed demand, it would follow that the census of COVID-19 patients would also decrease as long as mitigation measures remain in place.

B. Summary of COVID-19 Response Efforts – Human Resources staffing, Regional Coordination, and State and Federal Initiatives

Mary Maples, Esq., Chief Legal Officer presented a summary of the federal medical station in Secaucus and its impact across northern New Jersey. She reported that University Hospital served as the hospital of record for the area and was the point of contact for licensing, supplies, electronic registration and staffing.

Dr. Mark Einstein, former Interim Chief Medical Officer provided a summary of the current and upcoming medication protocols being implemented for COVID-19 patients.

C. Summary of COVID-19 Financial Impact

Mr. Gary Huck, Interim Chief Financial Officer provided a summary of the financial impact of COVID-19 related expenses. He further reported the various reimbursements the hospital could receive from the special funding being provided during the Covid-19 pandemic including the CARES Act, the Front Line Group, FEMA and donations from the Foundation for University Hospital.

IV. Review and Approval of Resolution 2020-0422-99 Amendment to Covid-19 funding

A resolution proposing an amendment and extension of authorization for certain actions to address COVID-19 preparedness measures and expeditious purchases of related procurements was presented for approval.

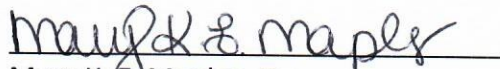
Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded to approve the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey at University Hospital located at 205 South Orange Avenue, Room B-1120, Newark, New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, MARY K. E. MAPLES, 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 April 22, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary K. E. Maples". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Mary K. E. Maples, Esq.

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary