



Newark, NJ

The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting

November 21st, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

University Hospital

Newark, New Jersey

Present Virtually: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; Heather Howard, JD; Mark Lattouf, MD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Ms. Ketlen Alsbrook; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP;

Excused Absence: Keith H. Green, BS; Steven Landers, MD; Mr. Joseph Baumann Mary O'Dowd, MPH;

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 10:02 a.m.

II. Patient Safety Story

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President & CEO, provided a patient safety story about a recent encounter that a University Hospital EVS sitter had with a patient. The patient sitter recognized that a patient's trac was off and they were able to reinsert and save the patient before they could potentially face consequences.

III. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024, meeting. Dean Feldman motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; the motion was approved by a vote of the members.

IV. Discussion Items and Reports

A. Service Line Spotlight- Population Health - Dr. Lois Greene

Dr. Lois Greene provided a presentation on the Population Health Department at University Hospital. Dr. Greene provided a summary of what the department does in detail. Dr. Greene explained the departments work regarding the Community Health Improvement Plan, the findings of the Social Determinants of Health Screening, and the findings of the Georgia King Village Parcel. Dr. Greene closed by summarizing the readmissions pilot program that was currently in place.

B. First Quarter Financials Presentation-Mr. Gary Huck

Mr. Gary Huck provided an update on the FY Q1 financial statements and the fiscal year to date statements and information of University Hospital. He emphasized that University Hospital's cash intake was strong, and collections were good. He also explained that revenues were better than the budget had predicted.

V. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Ed Jimenez provided a presentation on multiple topics that are currently going on at University Hospital. Mr. Jimenez led off the presentation by providing an update on the status of University Hospital's current union negotiations. He highlighted the great job that was done in regard to the contract agreement between the hospital and the Nursing union and went on to break down the current status of the other union negotiations. He then highlighted the current stats of the EMS response times and how the department is continuing to improve. He then pivoted his presentation to highlighting the newly renovated Emergency Department expansion and the timeline for the demolition of the trailers on the University Hospital campus.

He then went on to highlight a program that is taking place at University Hospital in accordance with West Side High School in Newark. The program entitled, West Side High School Workforce Readiness Program at University Hospital, is a program that engages high school juniors who are uncertain about college after graduation and provides these students with paid internships through graduation. If the student completes the program they would be guaranteed employment at University Hospital after graduation. Mr. Jimenez went on to go into greater details of the program and even shared some insights from the students on how their experience was going.

Mr. Jimenez then closed by highlighting the recent Newark Interfaith Clergy Alliance/UH Employment event that had taken place, in which local members of the community came and learned from University Hospital staff about different aspects of the hospital and business in general. He closed by highlighting a recent event that had taken place at University hospital. Mr. Jason Hicks, a patient transport at University Hospital, recently helped save a patient's life by recognizing that the patient that he was transporting seemed to be in distress and made sure to escalate this to the attending physician overseeing the patient, this act helped save the patient's life.

VI. Public Comment

Ms. Tanya Freeman opened the meeting up to the public for the public comment period. The lone public comment was regarding the process and plan regarding potential changes that newly elected government officials may take.

VII. Executive Session

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss one of the proposed action items. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote to the members.

VIII. 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 2024-1121-251: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of October 8, 2024 & November 13, 2024

B. Resolution 2024-1121-252: Approval of AP25-036 Shields Pharmacy Liaison Services

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

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 10:54 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for January 23, 2025, 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 November 21st, 2024.



McKenzie Wilson, Esq.
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary