

Public Meeting October 11, 2023 10:00 AM

Webex University Hospital Newark, New Jersey

<u>Members Present:</u> Diane Hill, PhD, Chair; Nicole K. Butler; MBA; William Holubek MD; Gary Huck; Ed Jimenez; Mary O'Dowd; Wendy Bobcombe, RN;

Absent: John Gerow

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Opening Statement

Chairwoman Hill welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked Ms. McKenzie Wilson to please read the Open Public Meeting Notice and take a roll call. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 10:02am.

II. Patient Safety Story

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President & CEO, provided a patient safety story about the work that University Hospital had done on the massive fire that had taken place in the port of Newark. This was highlighted by a letter that he had received from the Newark Fire Department, which commended the University Hospital EMS staff for their continued work and bravery in the situation. Even commending them for going into the burning ship to try and rescue people who were trapped in there.

III. 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. These topics included an update on the new master facility project, the achievements of the Liver Transplant Department, updates on the EMS Department, and a review of some of the potential clinical changes that can be coming in the future.

Some of the highlights of the presentation were that University Hospital had the best survival rate of any hospital in the country for liver transplant, that our EMS response times continued to reduce response times, and that we have commissioned a new mobile Mammography Unit for the community. Mr. Ed Jimenez also highlighted how the hospital's facility being "functionally obsolete" had the potential to effect safety and quality of care for the patients of the hospital as well as potential income that the hospital could lose from the facilities. He then spoke on the recent visit of singer Ms. Gloria Gaynor, who donated paintings to the pediatrics



department at University Hospital.

Mr. Jimenez closed his presentation with an extensive update regarding the stage that the hospital currently was in for its master plan, as well as explain the move that some employees were going to have to make to newly leased office space off campus.

IV. Public Comment

Chairwoman Hill opened the meeting for public comment and Ms. McKenzie Wilson, Corporate Secretary provided instructions for the public. The main topic of the public comment period was the discussion surrounding the merger of the Rutgers Medical School.

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairwoman Hill accepted a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023, meeting of the Community Oversight Board. The motion was made and duly seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

VI. Discussion Items and Presentations

A. Rutgers Weight Management Center at University Hospital Presentation

Dr. Daniel Jones provided a summary of the Rutgers Weight Management Center at University Hospital. This included explaining the recent actions that the Center was doing including in 2023 their first robotic gastric bypass at University Hospital. Dr. Jones also explained that there is a national trend that there is a 30% market growth in gastric sleeve procedures nationwide.

B. <u>Brick by Brick Community Engagement presentation- Ms. Brooke Tippens</u>

Ms. Brooke Tippens, Director of Community Affairs, provided a summary of the Community Engagement Portion of the Master Plan for the new University Hospital. She explained the Brickby-Brick campaign and provided the board with renderings of the potential new campus.

The community had made it known that they liked the green space of the new design, as well as the general floor plan and the increase in size. The community did echo that there needed to be more parking on campus as well as a focus on quality of patient care and customer service.

C. Georgia King Village Presentation-Dr. Colette Barrow Adams

Dr. Colette Barrow Adams provided a summary of the status of the Georgia King Village project, this included explaining the relationship that University Hospital has with this project. The project has 78 affordable housing apartments, 16 supportive housing units, and a 8,000 square foot health care center which will be ran by University Hospital. Dr. Barrow-Adams then explained the milestones that the project had reached and where the project was in the process of the selection of the potential residents of the housing units.



VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50am. The next meeting of the Community Oversight Board is scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 10:00am via Zoom.

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 Community Oversight Board of University Hospital's meeting conducted on October 11, 2023.

McKenzie Wilson, Esq.

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary