

# The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting May 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom University Hospital Newark, New Jersey

**Present:** Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; David Molowa, MD, Vice Chair; Mary O'Dowd, MPH, Robert J. Rubino, MD, Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Keith H. Green, BS; Steven Landers, MD; Heather Howard, JD; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD;

Excused: Eric S. Pennington, Esq.; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Mark Lattouf, MD

#### **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 10:01 a.m.

# II. Patient Safety Story

Dr. William Holubek, Chief Medical Officer, provided the patient safety story for the meeting. Dr. Holubek highlighted the continue effort of the University Hospital team for their work on prepping the hospital for the upcoming Joint Commission visit. He explained that the proactiveness of the hospital staff will pay dividends when the visit does take place.

# III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President and CEO, provided a report on multiple things that are taking place at University Hospital. Mr. Jimenez started off by highlighting where University Hospital currently sits in the Leapfrog methodology and where University Hospital was succeeding and need additional work. He then went on to speak on where University Hospital was within the current New Jersey state budget process. He explained that there was continued support by legislators throughout the state for funding for the proposed new University Hospital campus project. Then he highlighted the workings of EMS, and where the statistics were compared to last quarter's results. Mr. Jimenez then closed his part of the presentation by honoring University Hospital staffer Tia Royster, who had made helped a patient when she was working as a register for the Emergency Department.



#### IV. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023, meeting. Dean Feldman motioned and was duly seconded by Mr. Green. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

### V. Discussion Items and Reports

#### A. Service Line Spotlight: Clinical Research Update-Dr. Mark Einstein

Dr. Mark Einstein provided a summary of the actions of the Clinical Research team at University Hospital. Dr. Einstein highlighted how the team has grown from 5 clinical departments in 2016 to 14 departments in 2023. The research team obtained a Clinical and Translational Science Award which allows for University Hospital to be a major hub for research activities throughout the country. The team has a focus on serving the minority community and allows for University Hospital to be included in many trails given the community we serve. Dr. Einstein closed in highlighting that the University Hospital Clinical Research team is focused on bringing novel drugs and technologies to deliver better care and improved outcomes to the community that University Hospital serves.

#### B. Master Plan Update- Mr. Ed Jimenez

Mr. Ed Jimenez provided a report on some potential new changes to the Master Plan for the new University Hospital campus. These changes came from Elkus Manfredi, which is an architecture firm that has a history of designing major buildings in urban areas. Elkus Manfredi provided two additional options for the University Hospital team to look at regarding the design of the potential new campus. One design had minor changes to designs that had been done already, and the other had major changes to the plan that was currently in place.

#### C. Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Plan Year in Review- Mr. Bob lannaccone, Executive Vice President

Mr. Bob Iannaccone, Executive Vice President, provided a summary of the FY23 Capital Plan Year in Review. Mr. Iannaccone went on to highlight the major capital investments that were made at University Hospital, with a focus on investments made in infrastructure, clinical, and major equipment. He then went on to highlight some projects that are currently in progress, including the Master Facility Plan, the state of New Jersey EDA Analysis, and Rutgers/ University Hospital joint campus plan.

#### D. FY23 Third Quarter Financials -Mr. Gary Huck

Mr. Gary Huck provided an update on the FY Q3 financial statements and the fiscal year to date statements of University Hospital. Mr. Huck explained that the hospital was currently in good financial standing with the balance sheeting showing a strong quarter for the hospital. He indicated that University Hospitals cash and collections were strong and that year to date the hospital had been doing well.

#### E. EPIC Billing Module - Resolute - Mr. Paul Contino



Mr. Paul Contino provided a summary of the IST Department's AP request for the EPIC Billing Module. This would move the current billing structure at University Hospital to EPIC's Billing platform. This move would allow for the hospital to have optimized patient accounting, since EPIC would pull the billing information directly from the patient's EPIC profile. Mr. Contino highlighted that the request was for a total of \$12.7 million dollars, which are broken down into licensing fees, maintenance, and a onetime implementation costs.

#### F. Georgia King Village- Dr. Frank Hickey

Dr. Frank Hickey provided a presentation on the progress of the Georgia King Village project that University Hospital is a partner on. Dr. Hickey explained that the building is going to be approximately 8,000sq ft and will provide primary care and pediatrics Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm, with additional services potentially to follow. Dr. Hickey wanted to emphasis that the Village is not owned by University Hospital, but that we are tenants of the building and will be providing the health services that are going to be done in the building.

# G. Presentation of Results of Toast to Our Heroes Event-Ms. Jessica Backofen, Executive Director, UH Foundation

Ms. Jessica Backofen, Executive Director of the University Hospital Foundation, provided a summary of the Toast to Our Hero Event that had taken place. She explained how the event was a success and that they had 218 people attend the event. Ms. Backofen then went on to highlight the upcoming University Hospital Golf Outing that was coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup> and stated that they still had some availability for the cocktail reception.

#### VI. Public Comment

Ms. Tanya Freeman opened the meeting up to the public for the public comment period. There was one public comment regarding making sure to include the community on all future decisions regarding the potential new university Hospital campus.

# VII. 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 2023-0525-202: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of April 11, 2023
- B. Resolution 2023-0525-203: AP23-102-EPIC Systems Corp.



Then Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. The motion was approved by unanimous 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 11:52 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 29, 2023, 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 May 25, 2023.

McKenzie Wilson, Esq.

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary