

WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH CARE CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 2, 2019

6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Orlando Adamson, M.D., William Frishman, M.D., Renee Garrick, M.D., Herman Geist, Susan Gevertz, John Heimerdinger, Mitchell Hochberg, Patrick McCoy, Alfredo Quintero, Zubeen Shroff, Mark Tulis, Richard Wishnie

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Hayworth, M.D., Michael Israel, Michael Rosenblut

**STAFF PRESENT: Julie Switzer, EVP, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel
Gary Brudnicki, Senior Executive Vice President
Kara Bennorth, EVP, Chief Administrative Officer
Anthony Costello, SVP, Professional & Support Services
Mark Fersko, EVP, Financial Planning and Managed Care
Paula Fessler, Chief Nursing Executive
David Ingber, SVP, Network Financial Operations
Mary Leahy, M.D., CEO, Bon Secours Charity Health System
Josh Ratner, SVP, Strategic Planning
Robert Ross, EVP, Northern Region**

PHYSICIANS PRESENT: Dr. Asprinio, Dr. Gewitz

CALL TO ORDER

The October 2, 2019, meeting of the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (“WCHCC”) Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MR. HOCHBERG ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2019, MEETING OF THE BOARD. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SHROFF, SECONDED BY MR. TULIS, TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2019, WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH CARE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hochberg stated that today was a very special day for Westchester Medical Center (“WMC”), with the dedication of the Ambulatory Care Pavilion (“ACP”). He stated that he and Mr. Israel were speaking early this afternoon about how it has been a dream, first discussed ten years ago, to build a state-of-the-art ACP. Mr. Hochberg informed the Board that WMC was honored to have had Cardinal Dolan in attendance to lead the dedication ceremony, as well as performing a “Blessing of the Hands” for all employees prior to the dedication. He stated that the Board members and the entire workforce should be very proud of what WMC has accomplished. Mr. Hochberg acknowledged Mr. Costello for his dedication and commitment to the project, from start to finish, and especially for completing the ACP on time and on budget.

Mr. Hochberg advised that WMC is looking forward to populating the entire building, and stated that eight of the operating rooms are in service.

Mr. Israel reiterated what a spectacular job Mr. Costello and his team accomplished on the ACP project.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Frishman provided the report of the President of the Medical Staff in Dr. Zelazny’s absence. He presented a credentialing packet (dated October 2, 2019, and attached to these minutes) containing information on Credentialing Appointments, Reappointments, Additional Privilege Requests, FPPEs, and Category of Staff Changes to the Board for its approval.

A discussion ensued.

Motion to Approve Recommendations for Appointments, Reappointments, Additional Privilege Requests, FPPEs, and Category of Staff Changes.

MR. HOCHBERG ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGE REQUESTS, FPPEs, AND CATEGORY OF STAFF CHANGES. MS. GEVERTZ MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. TULIS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ms. Bennorth informed the Board that WMCHHealth's Coach was recently approved by the DOH as an Article 28 Outreach Clinic.

Ms. Bennorth informed the Board that WMCHHealth recently held Public Safety Summits in Orange and Rockland Counties. She stated that Praise and Prevention events have been held around the Network.

Ms. Bennorth advised the Board that 9/11 Service and Remembrance events were held across the Network.

Ms. Bennorth advised that service awards were distributed to the workforce last week. She stated that 650 workforce members were honored with milestone service awards.

Ms. Bennorth advised that last week WMC held its Annual Campus Cookout, and stated that it was a beautiful day.

Ms. Bennorth informed the Board that the WMCHHealth 2020 Marathon Team has been training around the region.

Ms. Bennorth updated the Board on the following Events/Marketing/Development activities:

- Trauma Run had over 400 participants;
- Master Chefs was a beautiful event at the Culinary Institute of America ("CIA");
- Annual Cardiovascular Conference will be held on October 3rd and 4th;
- Healing Half will be held on Sunday, October 6th;
- Wines of the World will be held on October 24th;
- Taste of the Hudson Valley will be held on November 3rd; and
- NYC Marathon is November 3rd.

Ms. Bennorth showed a video on a Go the Distance Ambassador's story to the Board.

Mr. Costello presented a slide show to the Board on the ACP construction project updates. He showed images of the recently completed third floor and stated it is now fully occupied. Mr. Costello advised that eight of the new ORs are completed and available for use, though not all are currently being utilized. He stated that turnaround times for the ORs are at thirty seven minutes and continue to improve. Mr. Costello showed images of the Cath labs in the main tower and stated that phase 1 of the Cath lab renovation project has been completed.

Mr. Costello showed images of the old Ambulatory Surgery Unit, which is now being remodeled into the Endoscopy Unit. He stated that completion is anticipated by January 2020, at which time an additional endoscopy physician will join WMC.

Mr. Costello showed images of the old Au Bon Pan (“ABP”) space in the main tower. He reminded the Board that ABP was bought out by Panera Bread. He stated that the three Au Bon Pan sites on the Valhalla campus will re-open in November as Panera Bread.

Mr. Costello showed images of the expansion of Central Sterile in the basement of the main tower.

Mr. Costello advised the Board that the new 24 private room Expansion Project is moving along nicely, and all rooms have been framed out.

Dr. Gewitz informed the Board that the upcoming Wines of the World event will help fund the NICU Expansion project.

Dr. Gewitz advised the Board that the Go the Distance walk was very well attended.

Dr. Gewitz advised the Board that WMC had five representatives at the recently held Annual Solutions for Patient Safety Conference in Houston.

Dr. Gewitz advised the Board that the new Environmental Services team will begin rounding with senior leadership in an effort to conduct preventative evaluations on environmental patient safety issues.

Dr. Gewitz informed the Board that the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital has been asked to participate in a hydrogen peroxide aerosol test study for hard to clean surfaces.

Dr. Gewitz advised the Board that a new immuno-therapy research protocol has been established between WMC and the New York Medical College.

Dr. Gewitz informed the Board that a new children’s urgent care and clinical observation program at Good Samaritan Hospital is underway.

Mr. Costello informed the Board that the WMCHHealth Network has transitioned its Environmental Services provider from Sodexo to Crothall.

Mr. Ross updated the Board on the Northern Region.

Mr. Ross informed the Board that HealthAlliance has begun transitioning its employed physicians into Advanced Physicians Services (“APS”). He stated that twenty six HA physicians will be transitioned by January, 2020 into APS.

Mr. Ross advised the Board that the Mary’s Avenue Consolidation project is underway at HA. He stated that, at this moment, the main entrance is being moved to make room for the new building addition.

Mr. Ross advised that Saturday’s Corks and Forks at the CIA was a wonderful event.

Mr. Ross stated that HA and MHRH recently held Praise and Prevention forums which included Addiction specialists, Behavioral Health specialists, and faith based organizations throughout the community. He stated both forums were well attended, and received good feedback.

Mr. Ross advised the Board that MHRH recently held its Campus Cookout for employees, and despite a little rain, was a great event.

Dr. Leahy updated the Board on the Western Region.

Dr. Leahy advised the Board that Charity hosted a Safety Summit in Rockland and Orange counties last week. She reminded the Board that this is a Network initiative under the direction of Mecca Santana.

Dr. Leahy advised the Board that the Measles epidemic in Rockland County is officially over.

Dr. Leahy informed the Board that the Bariatric Unit is just about complete and that the New York State Department of Health will be inspecting it shortly.

Dr. Leahy advised that the Frawley Outpatient Behavioral Health unit has relocated and is now providing increased services to the community.

Dr. Leahy advised that the recent Golf events were well attended, with great community engagement.

Dr. Leahy stated that she has been working with Dr. Tedjarati to expand Maternal/Fetal services, as well as UROGYN and GYN-Oncology services, across the Network.

Dr. Leahy advised that Charity has hired a new colorectal surgeon; two primary care physicians; and one urologist in Orange County.

Dr. Garrick updated the Board on Graduate Medical Education. She stated that it has been a very busy month and advised that WMC will have its second full fellowship match this year. Dr. Garrick advised that the Doctors Across New York ("DANY") grant is going well, and next steps are being discussed. She reminded the Board that the Department of Medicine has seven second year residents and five interns participating in the DANY program who are receiving primary care physician training in outpatient settings. Dr. Garrick stated that WMC started a new initiative with an online training platform for professional development that house staff are able to utilize free of charge.

Dr. Garrick updated the Board on the Blood Bank. She advised that last week there was a full Blood Bank survey and she stated it went very well. Dr. Garrick advised that WMCHHealth has hired two new superb Blood Bankers. She stated that the new scanning and dispensing system, which allows the nurses to scan the patient and the blood that they will receive, has gone live.

Dr. Garrick updated the Board on Maternal Fetal Health and telehealth.

Dr. Garrick advised that WMC's Stroke Electronic Medical Records is fully operational.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Shroff, Chair, Finance Committee, advised the Board that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting and moved into Executive Session. He stated that the Finance Committee will report next month on the Quarter ended September, 2019.

QUALITY COMMITTEE

Ms. Gevertz reported that the Committee met on September 6, 2019. She stated that she would defer the report of the September meeting until next month.

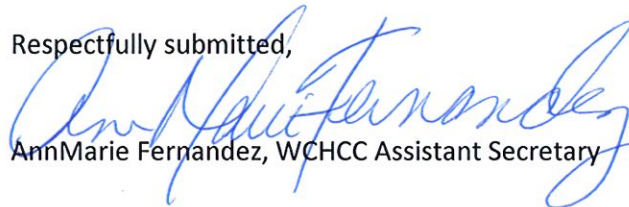
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. HOCHBERG ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 2, 2019, MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH CARE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DR. ADAMSON MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. TULIS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,



AnnMarie Fernandez, WCHCC Assistant Secretary