# ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION MAY 23, 2023 MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Present: Ronald Bennett\*, Reverend Mark Blue\*, Ronald A Chapin\*, Jonathan

Dandes, Darby Fishkin\*, Sharon Hanson, Michael Hoffert\*, Christian Johnson\*, James Lawicki\*, Christopher O'Brien, Hon. John O'Donnell, Reverend Kinzer Pointer, Thomas J. Quatroche, Eugenio Russi, Michael

Seaman, Dr. Philip Stegemann, Benjamin Swanekamp

Excused: Jennifer Persico

Also

Present: Samuel Cloud, MD, Anthony J. Colucci, III\*, Peter Cutler, Andrew Davis,

Cassandra Davis, Joseph Giglia, Susan Gonzalez, Vanessa Hinderliter\*, Donna Jones, Pamela Lee, Charlene Ludlow, Jennifer Pugh, MD, James Turner

## I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by immediate past Chair, Jonathan Dandes.

## II. Minutes

Upon a motion made by Reverend Kinzer Pointer and seconded by Michael Seaman, the minutes of the April 25, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved.

## III. Action Items

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Loan Agreement, Promissory Note and Pledge Agreement

Moved by Michael Seaman and seconded by Kinzer Pointer

Motion approved unanimously

Resolution Receiving and Filing Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes for April

Moved by Reverend Kinzer Pointer and seconded by Michael Seaman **Motion approved unanimously** 

## VI. Reports from the Corporation's Leadership Team

### **Chief Executive Officer and President**

Dr. Thomas Quatroche reported that patient safety indicator scores have been increasing steadily. Congratulations were given to employees receiving hospital and

local awards. The hospital's quality scores remain low (+). Dr. Quatroche reported on events held during May including the rememberence of the 05/14 tragedy, the Safety Fair, National Trauma Survivor's day and the ribbon cutting for the Serentiy Room. Dr. Quatroche recognized Charlene Ludlow, Senior Vice President of Nursing, for her outstanding efforts in celebrating Nurses' Week. The ECMC Foundation hosted the Springfest Auction a Nursing Scholarship reception. In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, the hospital has been promoting the ECMC Help Center. Completed in-house construction projects for 2023 were reviewed. Hiring numbers remain strong.

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

A summary of the preliminary financial results through April 30, 2023 was reviewed and the full set of these materials are received and filed. Andrew Davis reported that the hospital's length of stay is steadily decreasing. While inpatient surgeries and emergency room visits were higher than last year, the number of observation cases remains much higher than normal, adversely affecting the bottom line. In April, ECMC lost \$6.4 M. The 2024 budget process has begun. Dr. Philip Stegemann asked details about the financial circumstances at the hospital. Discussion followed.

## V. <u>Standing Committees</u>

- a. **Executive Committee:** There was no report given from the Executive Committee.
- b. **Finance Committee:** There was no report given from the Finance Committee.
- **c.** Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Bennett summarized the latest Building and Grounds committee meeting.
- d. **MWBE Committee :** Mr. Davis gave a brief summary of the latest MWBE Committee meeting.
- e. **Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee:** Michael Hoffert summarized the latest Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee meeting and the presentations given.

All reports except that of the Performance Improvement Committee are received and filed.

## VI. Recess to Executive Session – Matters Made Confidential by Law

Moved by Reverend Kinzer Pointer and seconded by Michael Hoffert to enter into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. to consider matters made confidential by law, including payer negotiations and union negotiations.

Motion approved unanimously

#### VII. Reconvene in Open Session

Moved by Jonathan Dandes and seconded by Sharon Hanson to reconvene in Open Session at 5:14 p.m. No action was taken by the Board of Directors in Executive Session

Motion approved unanimously

## <u>Adjournment</u>

Moved by Sharon Hanson and seconded by Reverend Kinzer Pointer to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Corporation Secretary