

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION  
JUNE 27, 2023 MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Present: Reverend Mark Blue, Darby Fishkin, Sharon Hanson, Michael Hoffert\*, Christian Johnson\*, James Lawicki\*, Christopher O'Brien\*, Hon. John O'Donnell, Jennifer Persico, Reverend Kinzer Pointer, Thomas J. Quatroche, Eugenio Russi, Michael Seaman, Benjamin Swanekamp

Excused: Ronald Bennett, Ronald A Chapin, Jonathan Dandes, Dr. Philip Stegemann,

Also

Present: Samuel Cloud, MD, Peter Cutler, Andrew Davis, Cassandra Davis, Joseph Giglia, Vanessa Hinderliter\*, Donna Jones, Pamela Lee, Charlene Ludlow, Jennifer Pugh, MD, James Turner

\*participated virtually

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I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair, Jennifer Persico

II. Minutes

Upon a motion made by Honorable John O' Donnell and seconded by Reverend Kinzer Pointer, the minutes of the June May 23, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved.

III. Action Items

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

(Additional Recommendation for the appointment of William Flynn, MD as Associate Medical Director and Jeffrey Brewer, MD and Chief of Surgery)

Moved by Reverend Kinzer Pointer and seconded by Michael Hoffert

**Motion approved unanimously**

VI. Reports from the Corporation's Leadership Team

**Chief Executive Officer and President**

Dr. Thomas Quatroche reported that the hospital had a successful Rehabilitation CARF survey and the AABB Lab Accreditation. Congratulations were given to employees receiving hospital and local awards including Emily Troise who received the 2023 Nurse of Distinction in Education Award from the Professional Nurses Association of WNY. Surgical teams celebrated National Time-Out day and ECMC submitted a presentation to America's Essential Hospitals. ECMC held a community

outreach program for lung cancer screening, was represented at Juneteenth and participated in the community Pride Parade. Dr. Quatroche reported on ECMC Foundation's Springfest Gala and JPMorgan Chase's Corporate Challenge. Hiring numbers remain strong with the number of nurses hired at over 1/3 of the total hired.

### **Chief Financial Officer**

A summary of the preliminary financial results through May 30, 2023 was reviewed and the full set of these materials are received and filed. Dr. Quatroche reported that the hospital's number of observation cases is increasing which is adversely affecting the institutions finances. Inpatient surgeries and emergency room visits were higher than last year. Length of stay is decreasing. In May, ECMC lost \$4.3 M. Dr. Cloud reported on the current efforts being made to reduce the number of observation cases. Dr. Philip Stegemann asked details about the financial circumstances at the hospital. Discussion followed.

### **V. Standing Committees**

- a. **Executive Committee:** Jennifer Persico reported several Executive Committee members reaching out to NYS regarding financial assistance but having no answers to date.
- b. **Finance Committee:** There was no report given from the Finance Committee.
- c. **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Michael Hoffert updated the board on the current in-house projects.
- d. **HR Committee :** Michael Seaman congratulated the HR team on their impressive hiring numbers.
- e. **Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee:** Mr. 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 Christopher O'Brien to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. to consider matters made confidential by law, including personnel matters and union negotiations.

Motion approved unanimously

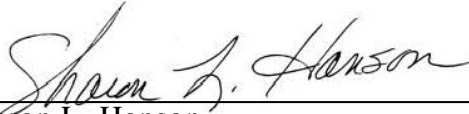
VII. Reconvene in Open Session

Moved by Reverend Kinzer Pointer and seconded by Reverend Mark Blue to reconvene in Open Session at 5:16 p.m. No action was taken by the Board of Directors in Executive Session

Motion approved unanimously

Adjournment

Moved by Sharon Hanson and seconded by Reverend Kinzer Pointer to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 5:17 p.m.

  
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Sharon L. Hanson  
Corporation Secretary