

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 23, 2020

Teleconference Number 1-415-655-0002, Access Code 479 493 525

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Collins, Board Chair

Stephen Brown, MD, Board Member

Donna Clarke, Board Treasurer

Therese Everly, Board Vice-Chair

Sanford N. Cohen, MD, Board Member

Chris Hansen, Board Member

Stephanie Meyer, BSN, RN, Board Member

Nancy McGovern, RN, MSM, Board Member

Diane Champion, Board Secretary

Jessica Carter Peer, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Collins, Board Chair.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Michael Warthen, M.Div., BCC gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

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David Collins, Chair asked for a motion to approve the Board Special Meeting Minutes dated 4/16/20.

Jessica Carter Peer made a motion to approve the Board Special Meeting Minutes dated 4/16/20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Hansen and carried with no opposition.

QUALITY, SAFETY & PATIENT EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Scott Nygaard, M.D., Chief Operating Officer provided an update to the Board on the Surge Plan, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Skilled Nursing Unit (SNU) and the gradual reopening of future elective surgeries. Discussion ensued. He emphasized that the main factor limiting the resumption of services is the supply chain which affects the PPE needed both for COVID and non COVID treatment in our inpatient, outpatient and

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skilled nursing facilities. In addition, we are still under Governor DeSantis' orders preventing elective surgeries.

Larry Antonucci, CEO and President, reminded the Board that the Governor and his task force are working to develop plans to resume services while preserving public health and safety. He shared with the Board the Florida Hospital Association (FHA) "Open" recommendations.

Observe the COVID-19 rate of occurrence in the community.

Prevent transmission of COVID-19 to patients and health care providers.

Establish a transparent and collaborative prioritization process to guide restoration of elective surgery and procedures.

Network with all health care providers across the continuum of care to fully restore health care services.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Larry Antonucci, CEO and President shared the April 22, 2020 Lee County COVID-19 confirmed positive cases graph data with the Board. He reported a slight increase in surgery rates due to previously needed surgeries now being deemed necessary. He also stated that there has been a 20-25% reduction in ER visits for strokes and heart attacks with no real decrease in these events occurring. He advised that a marketing campaign will address this situation.

Telemedicine continues to show a steady increase for the system still averaging in excess of 1000 visits per day.

Lee Health is working with a potential new local supplier of masks, which is a significant need for the system.

Lee Health continues to work closely with the local Department of Health and Lee County Councils to collate and provide timely accurate data for our community. Discussion ensued.

PLC REPORT UPDATE

Bill Hearn D.O., updated the Board on medical staff actions. He shared plans to survey PLC members on the efficacy of the meetings. The most recent meeting covered PPE proper fitting knowledge to eliminate waste, increase providing telemedicine use in hospitals and clarifying standards of care across facilities. Dr. Hearn stated they look forward to seeing what can be learned about the effective use of the telemedicine tool. He shared that medical staff are pleased with the degree at which campus level cooperation contributes to patient and staff safety. He also updated the Board on the

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surge plan and spoke about the medical staff perspective on the reopening of operations. He summed up their goal as a safe, responsible, judicious resumption of inpatient and outpatient services. He posed a question “can you open up too rapidly or too slowly”? Discussion ensued.

BOARD COUNSEL

George Knott, Esq. reminded the Board members that Gov. DeSantis’ Executive Orders 20.69 allowing public governing bodies to conduct business electronically and 20.52 declared Public Health Emergency, are what allows our Board to operate via teleconference, and that those orders expire May 8, 2020.

David Collins, Board Chair asked Board members to provide feedback on their views of the special meeting frequency as well as what to include in them after the May 7th meeting. Discussion ensued. Dr. Cohen asked Board Counsel if it is possible to write to the State’s General Counsel requesting an extension of Executive Order 20.69. Discussion ensued.

George Knott, Board Counsel will write to the State’s General counsel requesting an extension to EO 20.69.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING

The next Lee Health Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Teleconference Number 1-415-655-0002 Access Code 479 841 169

ADJOURNMENT

The Lee Health System Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. by David Collins, Board Chair.

Minutes were recorded by Kathy J. Hagen/Assistant to the Board

Signed by: /Diane Champion/

Board Secretary

Date: **4/30/20**