

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday April 16, 2020

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

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Collins Board Chair

Therese Everly, Board Vice Chair

Donna Clarke, Board Treasurer

Diane Champion, Board Secretary

Stephen Brown, MD, Board Member

Nancy McGovern, RN, MSM, Board Member

Sanford N. Cohen, MD, Board Member

Chris Hansen, Board Member

Stephanie Meyer, BSN, RN, Board Member

Jessica Carter Peer, Board Member

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by David Collins, Board Chair.

### INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

### PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

### BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

David Collins, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Special Meeting dated 4/10/20.

**A motion was made by Therese Everly to approve the Board Special Meeting Minutes dated 4/10/20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Hansen and carried with no opposition.**

### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Larry Antonucci, M.D., President & CEO asked Scott Nygaard, M.D., Chief Operating Officer to update the Board. Dr. Nygaard shared a communication titled, "So Much Grief" that chronicled one family's experiences over the last 30 days since placing a parent in long term memory care.

Dr. Antonucci asked Ben Spence Chief Financial and Business Services Officer to provide a financial update. He shared that the March financial results showed a loss on operations of \$16 million, due to the changes in patient volume and limited expense reductions, in order to stock necessary levels of supplies. He projected a significant year end loss of about \$50 million when allowing for Coronavirus government stimulus additions. Discussion ensued.

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Larry Antonucci, M.D., President & CEO shared that telehealth visits were averaging over 1000 per day. The system has excellent ventilator capacity based on current patient volumes. He also reported that our social media and website visits have increased substantially, and that the informational resources we provide to the community are being measured. He further announced that Dr. Doug Brust was leading a newly approved study beginning next week to examine convalescent plasma use.

Planning is ongoing for the recovery stage of the pandemic. The system financial situation and resumption of surgical practice is being considered, as we move from the acute phase to the post peak phase of this pandemic. Discussion ensued.

### PLC REPORT UPDATE

Bill Hearn D.O., updated the Board on medical staff actions. He stated that the only way this situation is going to be righted is by focusing on quality and team building between medical and administration leadership. There is a PLC work group focusing on team flow on patient removal from isolation to the appropriate areas within the facilities. Dr. Hearn reported that they are focused on decision making by collaboration which increases quality. The surge plan is constantly looked at, reviewed and revised as needed. He closed by saying the medical staff are proactive, smart, driven and engaged with administration, all qualities he believes are needed to “dig out of the hole created by the coronavirus.”

Discussion ensued. Board Members Therese Everly and Chris Hansen asked if there was a way for the Board to review the surge plan documents.

*\*\*Follow Up – Dr. Hearn will bring the surge plan document to the next meeting\*\**

### BOARD COUNSEL

George Knott, Esq., noted the Florida Attorney General’s response to the Board’s informal inquiry of March 13, 2020 as to remote board meetings. He further reviewed AG Opinion 2020-03 and Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-69 which followed the Board’s request for an informal AG Opinion. Board counsel emphasized the need, even under emergency conditions, to strictly adhere to the requirements of the Sunshine Law and reminded the Board that the special meetings called by the Chairman, together with the publicly noticed electronic committee meetings provide the Board with appropriate forums to discuss Board business.

### NEXT SPECIAL MEETING

The next Lee Health Board of Directors Special Meeting will be held on April 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Teleconference Number 1-415-655-0002, Access Code 479 493 525.

### ADJOURNMENT

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The Lee Health System Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 2:28 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: 4/23/20