

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MINUTES 4/14/2022**

Thursday April 14, 2022

Teleconference 1-415-655-0002 Access Code 733 575 474

GCMC Boardroom 13685 Doctors Way, Suite 190 Fort Myers, FL 33912

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Donna Clarke, Chair

Therese Everly, Vice Chair

David Collins, Board Member

Kathy Bridge-Liles, Board Member

Nancy McGovern, Board Member

### **MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY**

Chris Hansen, Treasurer

Diane Champion, Secretary

Stephanie Meyer, Board Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Stephen Brown, MD., Board Member (excused)

The Board of Directors Workshop Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. by Donna Clarke, Board Chair. Donna Clarke and Larry Antonucci welcomed attendees

### **LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW**

Michael Nacheff, VP Government Relations reviewed the legislative process and enabling act as it relates to CS/SB 1260.

### **OVERVIEW OF CS/SB 1260**

Ty Jackson and Heather Ramos of Gray Robinson presented an overview of CS/SB 1260, how it works and how it differs from Section 155.40, Florida Statutes. Although passed by the Legislature the bill is still awaiting approval by the Governor.

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Ty Jackson walked the board through the steps needed to go through should any public hospital Board decide to proceed:

- Elect to conduct an evaluation
- Evaluate the benefits of conversion
- Determine if conversion is in the best interests of residents
- Negotiate an agreement with the County Commission
- Final vote to approve agreement/conversion

Mr. Jackson stated each step presents an opportunity to reassess the pros and cons and either proceed forward or stop the process. Discussion ensued.

Heather Ramos presented a brief overview of Section 155.40 Florida Statutes and how it works. Discussion ensued.

### FINAL REMARKS

Board Members, Larry Antonucci, MD, President & CEO, Dr. Dougherty, PLC Chair and some community committee members concluded that this was a potential opportunity to explore a better understanding. They requested that more information be provided on what effect this would have on, amongst other items, Sovereign Immunity and Lee Health remaining a Safety Net Hospital. Administration requested questions that board members have to be channeled through Mary McGillicuddy.

Dr. Dougherty reiterated the importance of timely communication should this bill become law.

### ADJOURN

The Lee Health Board of Directors Workshop was adjourned at 3:05 pm by Donna Clarke, Board Chair.

Board Minutes were prepared by Genny White Board Office Coordinator

Signed:

Date:

Diane Champion  
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