

Western New York Health System, Inc. (WNYHS)
Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2008

Present: Evan Evans, M.D., Robert Gioia, Mary Gresham, Ph.D., James Kaskie, Brenda McDuffie, Judge James McLeod, Sundra Ryce, Irene Snow, M.D., Edward F. Walsh, Jr., Robert M. Zak, David Zebro, Robert Wild (via teleconference), Betsy Baumler.

Absent: Kevin Cichocki, D.C., David Dunn, M.D., James T. Evans, M.D, Sharon L. Hanson, Jody Lomeo, John Simpson, Ph.D

Guests: Lawrence Bone, M.D., Merril Dayton, M.D., Kevin Gibbons, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by the Chair, Robert Gioia.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 25, 2008 Board of Directors' meeting were presented for approval. **Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the June 25, 2008 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved as presented.**

Professional Steering Committee

Mr. Gioia stated the discussion regarding the Professional Steering Committee was being tabled until the next meeting of the Board in order for the ECMCC Board members to take part in the discussion. The Board expressed concern regarding the composition of the committee and requested that Mr. Gioia send a letter reminding the Medical Staff Presidents at ECMC and Kaleida Health that the Committee include the diversity of our community and the need for appropriate representation of voluntary, community-based physicians.

Hybrid Model

The Board discussed the need for a Board policy defining the hybrid model. It was requested that that Dr. Snow create an initial draft of a Hybrid Model definition for distribution and comment prior to the next Board meeting.

Branding

The Board reviewed the proposed names previously presented to the Board by Stand Advertising. The Board unanimously agreed to rename Western New York Health System, Inc. to Great Lakes Health. Mr. Kaskie stated he would ask Stand to review the names with ECMC to ensure they agree and would invite Stand Advertising to the next Board meeting for further discussion.

Next Steps

Mr. Kaskie discussed the Next Steps outline which highlighted key target dates. The outline, distributed to the Board with the agenda, extracted key points from the final Binding Agreement.

Mr. Gioia requested that all Committees be re-activated and indicated he would contact Dr. Cichocki to have a Strategic and Community Health Planning Committee scheduled to review any outstanding CONs. Mr. Walsh stated he would schedule a Governance Committee to review the committee structures, frequency of meetings and a revision of the By-laws to include changes agreed to in the Binding Agreement.

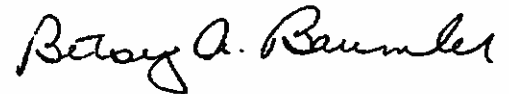
The Board requested an educational retreat on all the integration processes to bring everyone up to speed. Mr. Zak stated he felt it was extremely important that we show a return on this partnership as soon as possible to the community.

Next Meeting

Mr. Gioia indicated the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at WNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Betsy A. Baumler