

# Great Lakes Health System of Western New York Board Meeting Minutes *April 8, 2009*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Health System of Western New York was held at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street, Buffalo, New York on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

**Present:** Yogesh Bakhai, M.D.; Lawrence Bone, M.D.; James Budny, M.D.; Kevin Cichocki, D.C.; David Dunn, M.D.; Robert Gioia; Mary Gresham Ph.D.; Sharon L. Hanson; James Kaskie; Jody Lomeo; Brenda McDuffie; Judge James McLeod; Irene Snow, M.D.; Edward F. Walsh, Jr.; Robert M. Zak; David Zebro; Anthony Colucci, III; Mark Barabas; Robert Nolan; Joseph Kessler; Michael Sammarco; Thomas Quatroche; Michael Hughes; Betsy Baumler

**Absent:** Michael Cain, M.D.; Sundra Ryce

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM by the Chair, Robert Gioia. Mr. Gioia welcomed Michael Sammarco, interim Chief Financial Officer for ECMC.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the February 12, 2009 Board of Directors' meeting were presented for approval. **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meetings listed were unanimously approved as presented.**

The following minutes were received and filed as presented:

- Finance Committee – February 11, 2009
- Strategic and Community Planning Committee – February 9, 2009
- Professional Steering Committee – February 2, 2009
- Professional Steering Committee – March 2, 2009

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meetings listed were unanimously received and filed as presented.**

## **Committee Updates**

### ***Finance***

Mr. Zebro reported on a recent Finance Committee meeting and reviewed the financial statements for ECMC. Mr. Zebro also indicated the Committee had reviewed and discussed the proposed budgets for both organizations and requested an update from PricewaterhouseCoopers at their next meeting. **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the ECMC audited financials and proposed budget were unanimously received and filed as presented.**

## ***Governance***

Mr. Walsh discussed proposed changes to the By-laws including formally changing the name to Great Lakes Health of Western New York, Inc. throughout the document.

## ***Professional Steering Committee***

Dr. Bone indicated the Committee continues to meet monthly and is anticipating a preliminary report from PricewaterhouseCoopers at their next meeting.

## ***Strategic and Community Health Planning Committee***

Dr. Cichocki reviewed discussions from their last meeting regarding a project at ECMC to replace all medical/surgical and ICU beds in the facility with state of the art beds and reviewed a CON to replace two existing GE analog radiographic units with one Philips digital diagnostic radiographic unit. **Upon recommendation from the Committee and motion duly made and seconded, ECMC's CON for the radiographic unit replacement project was unanimously approved.**

Dr. Cichocki highlighted a report given to the Committee by Ms. Ryce, Chair of the Community Outreach Subcommittee indicating the Subcommittee has planned community forums in May and June at the Buffalo Public Library and Cheektowaga Public Library and sessions with local Chambers of Commerce.

## ***State and Federal Budget Cuts***

Mr. Kaskie outlined the possible effect of proposed State and Federal budget cuts indicating proposed updated figures estimate ECMC would lose approximately \$8 million and Kaleida Health \$10 million in funding for long term care during 2009 but both organizations would face larger cuts in 2010. The Board discussed the level of support received from our local delegation.

Mr. Kaskie stated there may be funds available for health information technology in the federal stimulus. Mr. Kaskie then updated the Board on the closure of Grace Manor indicating the relocation of residents is now complete.

## ***Adjournment of Open Session***

There being no further business to discuss in open session, upon motion made and duly seconded, Mr. Gioia adjourned the regular meeting of the Board and called the Board into Executive Session to discuss financial and governance matters relating to Kaleida Health.

## ***Return to Open Session***

After adjournment of Executive Session, Mr. Gioia called the Board back into regular session.

## ***Approval of By-law Revisions***

After review of the proposed changes and **upon motion duly made and seconded, the revised By-laws were unanimously approved as presented.**

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Gioia indicated the next meeting of the Great Lakes Health Board would be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Women and Children's Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy A. Baumler

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