

**Great Lakes Health System of Western New York**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
***December 15, 2011***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Health System of Western New York was held at the Larkin at Exchange Building, 726 Exchange Street, Suite 522, Buffalo, New York on Thursday, December 15, 2011.

**Present:** Michael Cain, M.D.; Kevin Cichocki, D.C.; Kathleen Grimm, M.D.; Sharon L. Hanson; James Kaskie; Joseph Kowalski, M.D.; Jody Lomeo; Sundra Ryce; Edward F. Walsh, Jr.; Robert M. Zak; David Zebro; Mark Barabas; Anthony Colucci, III; Joseph Kessler; Robert Nolan; Mike Sammarco; Betsy Baumler.

**Excused:** Larry Bone, M.D.; Robert Gioia; John Koelmel; Mary Gresham, Ph.D.; Brenda McDuffie; Irene Snow, M.D.;

With the excused absence of Chair Robert Gioia, Vice Chair Jody Lomeo, called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

**Vice Chair Remarks**

Mr. Lomeo congratulated Mr. Walsh and Kaleida Health on the successful opening of the new Edward F. Walsh, Jr. Emergency Department at the Buffalo General Medical Center.

**Minutes**

The following minutes were reviewed by the Board:

- Board of Directors' meeting – September 14, 2011
- Finance Committee – May 26, 2011
- Professional Steering Committee – September 12, 2011

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of September 14, 2011 were unanimously approved as presented and the minutes of the Finance and Professional Steering Committee meets were unanimously received and filed as presented.**

**Committee Updates**

***Professional Steering Committee***

In Dr. Bone's absence, Messrs. Kaskie and Lomeo updated the Board on the implementation of several initiatives recommended by the Professional Steering Committee. Mr. Lomeo highlighted the successful opening of the new Transplant Center of Excellence on the Grider Street campus. Mr. Kaskie also noted the successful move of over 300 residents from the Deaconess Center to the new long term care facility, Highpointe on Michigan during the weekend of December 3-4. Updates

were also presented on the status of cardiology, orthopedics, and palliative care. Mr. Flint Besecker and Dr. Christopher Kerr joined the Board to provide a general overview of the new affiliation between Great Lakes Health and the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Sammarco highlighted the October year to date financials and 2012 budget for ECMCC.

Due to the strategic nature of the discussions and matters regarding Kaleida Health, the remaining Committee updates were tabled for Executive Session.

### Adjournment of Open Session

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

### Return to Open Session

### 2012 Budgets

During Executive Session, Messrs. Kessler and Sammarco presented and discussed the 2012 budgets for Great Lakes Health and Kaleida Health.

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, the 2012 budgets for Great Lakes Health, ECMCC, and Kaleida Health were unanimously received and filed as presented.**

### Director Recognition

Messrs. Kaskie and Lomeo thanked Ms. Sundra Ryce for her service on the Great Lakes Health Board indicating she had expressed her desire to resign from her Board position effective December 31, 2011.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy A. Baumler