

The MetroHealth System
Board of Trustees
Community Engagement Committee
September 27, 2017

Present Committee Members: Maureen Dee, Rev. Tony Minor

Other Trustees: J.B. Silvers, Charles Spain, Jr.

Advisory Committee Members: Dr. Nathan Beachy, Dr. Shanail Berry, Linda Bluso, Ted Carter, Dr. Nabil Chehade, Fran Dacek, Duane Deskins, Gail Long, Karen Mintzer, Rev. Max Rodas, Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.

Staff: Elizabeth Allen, Dr. Akram Boutros, Michael Phillips, Jane Platten, Michael Stern

Guest: Rita Andolsen, Director System Communications, MHS
Karen Cook, Manager, Community Health Advocacy, MHS
John Corlett, President and Executive Director, The Center for Community Solutions

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Minor at 12:05 p.m.

(The minutes are written in a format conforming to the printed meeting agenda for the convenience of correlation, recognizing that some of the items were discussed out of sequence.)

I. Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2017

The minutes of the June 28, 2017 Community Engagement Committee meeting were approved as presented.

II. Information Items

1. Introduction of New Advisory Members

Rev. Minor called the meeting to order and welcomed advisory committee members attending their first meeting: Ted Carter, Gail Long, Rev. Max Rodas and Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.

2. Presentation of the findings of the Community Health Needs Assessment Study by John Corlett, president and executive director, The Center for Community Solutions.

Rev. Minor stated the committee's current focus will be to use the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to assist MetroHealth in setting its priorities over the next three years.

John Corlett provided a presentation that reviewed the first two portions of the CHNA which include the secondary data analysis and gap analysis. Copies of the executive summary were distributed to the committee members. The entire CHNA is expected to be completed by year-end.

Mr. Corlett pointed out that Cuyahoga County has a higher prevalence of chronic diseases compared with the rest of the country. These include: Alzheimer's or other dementias; adult asthma; older adult asthma; arthritis; cancer; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); coronary heart disease; diabetes; and stroke.

The analysis identified the following gaps:

- Disparities in Health Outcomes
 - Diabetes
 - Heart Disease
 - Asthma
- Issues Facing Young Children
 - Infant Mortality
 - Blood Lead Levels
- Barriers to Accessing Care
 - Transportation
 - Health Insurance
- Social Determinants of Health
 - Poverty
 - Unemployment
 - Housing Issues
- Emerging Issues
 - Opioids
 - Older Adults
 - Community Trauma

3. Discussion of Community Health Needs Assessment Presentation

Karen Cook reminded the committee members that their goal is to help identify five priorities that will be finalized and approved at the committee's December 20th meeting. Based on the information provided by The Center for Community Solutions and information received from a national perspective by the Healthy Communities Institute, five areas were suggested for the committee's consideration:

- Infant Mortality
- Opioid Epidemic
- Eliminate Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities in the Care We Provide
- Community Building – Clark Fulton Neighborhood
- Community Trauma – Select Community or Neighborhood

The committee conducted a robust discussion touching on all five of the priorities listed. Dr. Boutros informed the committee that MetroHealth is receiving a \$1.4M grant for the purpose of managing the opioid crisis throughout the county. Ms. Dee stated working with the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County would be crucial to this initiative. Dr. Boutros stated that for the priorities that are chosen we will be looking at where are we today, where should we be and what will be required of us to move forward. For the priorities selected, additional health services and educational programs will be developed to reduce the gaps that currently exist. The committee discussed a desire to focus on some of the larger issues that present barriers to patients such as transportation. The question was raised as to whether MetroHealth's footprint was adequate within the community. The committee was informed that an analysis researching this question could be performed at their request.

Karen Cook outlined the next steps which include:

- Further refine priorities
- Develop next steps for each priority
- Recommend MetroHealth lead for each priority
- Finalize CHNA report

Rev. Minor reiterated that the committee's role is to offer their feedback and advice. The committee further discussed the issues of chronic illness, community building and community trauma. The committee asked if we could effectively address all five of the identified gaps. Dr. Boutros stated that community trauma is an emerging concept and more research would need to be conducted. It was suggested that students in a Master of Public Health Program may be helpful with research in this area. It was also suggested that we consider public policy that is currently being legislated as well as the necessity to develop a digital strategy that would address community access. The opioid crisis and community development were recommended by one of the members as top priorities. He proposed we utilize existing organizations and engage the other hospital systems. Dr. Boutros informed the members he will be meeting with the CEOs from the other health systems next week to discuss the existing gaps and how they can collectively be filled.

III. Non-Consent Action Items - None

IV. Consent Items - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Heller Allen
Senior Vice President, External Affairs