

**THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

TIME: 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: MetroHealth Medical Center
Rammelkamp R170

**COMMITTEE
TRUSTEES:** Ms. Whiting

**ADDITIONAL
TRUSTEES:** Ms. Dee, Dr. Silvers

STAFF: Mr. Dalton, Mr. Frolik, Ms. McBride, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Platten, Mr. Richmond,
Dr. Watts

Ms. Whiting called the meeting of the Legal and Government Relations Committee to order at 12:35 p.m. Please note that the minutes are written to conform to the printed agenda and are not necessarily in the order of discussion.

I. The minutes of the regular Legal and Government Relations Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020 were approved as presented.

II. Information Items

A. Government Relations Update

Ms. Jane Platten, Executive Vice President, Administration and Chief of Staff, indicated she had a brief update due the extensive report in June. Cuyahoga County re-released the Diversion Center Request for Proposal (RFP), and a response is being prepared to that RFP, noting MetroHealth will be the proposer, will not have outside partners as with the previous RFP, and the changes between the last RFP and this RFP are insignificant with the exception of services requested for up to 150 beds for a length of stay up to 90 days. Cuyahoga County has since reduced the requirements down to 50 beds with a length of stay between one and nine days. This aligns with the program model of the Diversion Center located in Harris County, Texas. MetroHealth is prepared to meet the proposal deadline of September 16, 2020. The City of Cleveland Department of Health is pursuing a relationship with MetroHealth concerning COVID community testing, noting conversations will be exchanged concerning money received from the State of Ohio and engaging MetroHealth for community testing in unidentified vulnerable locations.

Mr. Joseph Frolik, Senior Vice President, Communications, Government and Community Relations, began his report by requesting approval of the Board to extend the federal government relations consulting contract with Alston & Bird, a bipartisan firm having both Republicans and Democratic members among their partners, noting the existing

contract expires the end of November 2020 and has been assisting MetroHealth with its federal government relations activities for approximately two years. MetroHealth's Government Relations team gave a strong recommendation for Alston & Bird which included a variety of complex issues known to health care which is one of their specialties; those who MetroHealth consults at Alston & Bird have extensive experience with relevant committees in health care, both on the Senate and House side. Mr. Frolik stated Alston & Bird assisted in securing a third round of funding through the CARES Act that provided approximately \$50 million in relief funds and assisted with a relationship formed with the Frontline Alliance that assisted with connecting the appropriate persons at the Department of Health and Human Services.

B. Update on Risk Management/Insurance Developments

Ms. Laura McBride, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel - Litigation and Risk, provided the report on matters of pending or threatened litigation and trade secrets reserved for Executive Session.

III. Non-Consent/Action Items

A. None

A motion was made, seconded and passed to move the Committee into Executive Session to discuss trade secrets, pending litigation and matters required to be kept confidential by law. The Committee returned to regular session at 12:45 p.m.

IV. Consent Items

A. Recommendation to the President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System for the Retention of Outside Counsel

The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation for full Board action.

B. Recommendation to the President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System for the Continued Engagement of Alston & Bird as Consultants for the System's Federal Government Relations Activities

The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation for full Board action.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Phillips
Senior Vice President and
Chief Legal Officer