



MetroHealth

THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 12:30-2:00 pm
Meeting via zoom

PRESENT

Committee Trustees: Vanessa L. Whiting, Chair, John M. Hairston, Jr.
Staff: Akram Boutros, MD, Joseph Frolik, Laura McBride, Jane Platten, Craig Richmond, Brook Watts, MD
Additional Trustees: Maureen Dee, Brenda Kirk, J.B. Silvers, PhD
Guests: Eric Steel, IS Audio/Visual
Staff Liaison: Avis Lyons, Dona Zupancic

Meeting was called to order by Vanessa Whiting, Chair at 12:32 pm.

- I. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** from the Legal & Government Relations Committee meeting held December 9, 2020 was passed by a unanimous vote.

- II. **INFORMATION ITEM**
 - a. Joe Frolik gave a presentation regarding the Government Relations activities. He provided a thorough update to the Committee on recent activities at the federal and state level.

MetroHealth has been active in discussions with the other public/safety net hospitals that are members of the Front Line Alliance to pursue official federal designation. Efforts continue to protect MetroHealth's ability to access 340B, which protections are increasingly being challenged through contract pharmacies and others. MetroHealth also has had and will continue to have virtual meetings with relevant state legislators and officials to support the organization's policy efforts.

Mr. Frolik provided an update on the municipal processes associated with approval of the Behavioral Health and Addiction Services expansion in Cleveland Heights. MetroHealth has engaged numerous stakeholders and sought to address a wide range of questions and concerns from the community – and remains hopeful that the project will receive all necessary municipal approvals.

Mr. Frolik also provided updates on MetroHealth's extensive efforts to vaccinate all members of the community – including programs with the Cleveland Dept. of Public Health to vaccinate individuals at homeless shelters and with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) for other vaccination efforts. Dr. Brook Watts, SVP and Chief Medical Officer, Community & Public Health, provided an update on MetroHealth's work with the CCBH to establish a COVID vaccination clinic in Bedford Heights.

Mr. Frolik presented a recommendation to Approve the Continued Engagement of Speire Healthcare Strategies as Consultants for the System. The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation for full Board action.

The Committee voted to go into Executive Session for additional discussions on matters subject to attorney-client privilege and pending litigation at 12:52 pm.

III. NON-CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

- a. None

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Recommendation to the President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System to Approve Claim Settlement No. 19-01-0917
Recommendation to the President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System to Approve Claim Settlement No. 19-29-1218
- b. Recommendation to the President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System to Approve Certain core Terms of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc.

The Committee unanimously approved each of the recommendations for full Board action.

Following Executive Session, the meeting reconvened in open session.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Vanessa L. Whiting, Chair