## THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## March 23, 2016

Present: Committee Members: Thomas McDonald, Charles Spain, Vanessa Whiting

Other Trustees: Maureen Dee

Staff: Dr. Akram Boutros, Elizabeth Allen, Dr. Bernard Boulanger,

Dr. Alfred Connors, Marlene Franklin, Daniel Lewis, Michael Phillips,

Craig Richmond, Michael Stern

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Mr. Spain. 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. The minutes of the December 16, 2015, meeting were approved.
- II. Consent Items None
- III. Discussion Items
  - Government Relations Update

Ms. Allen began her report by informing the Committee that the Health and Human Services Levy passed with 69% voter approval and was a successful campaign, noting that MetroHealth employees provided approximately \$28,000 support. Various personnel changes were mentioned, including Loren Anthes resigning to join John Corlett at the Center for Community Solutions and Tamiyka Rose being on leave. Ms. Allen stated that there has been an executive committee of people from the community formed who are engaged with Medicaid and she will be representing MetroHealth. Tracy Carter is focusing on government relations with the State of Ohio, specifically MetroHealth's lead on infant mortality, but we are looking to replace Loren as the State lobbyist with someone who has significant Medicaid experience. MetroHealth currently has an agreement to have Life Flight land at the Cleveland Heights Emergency Department and are working with the City of Parma to establish a site for same.

Lastly, Ms. Allen reported on and discussion was held concerning the status of three pieces of legislation: the trauma bill that would create a state board of approximately 20 people appointed by Governor Kasich to oversee trauma centers, encourage regional cooperation, and work with those who want to start a trauma center; the AtriPD that the Ohio House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee is negotiating; and the real estate amendment to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 339 broadening the real estate authority for county hospitals.

## • Risk Management Report

Ms. Franklin's report was reserved for Executive Session.

A motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote to hold an executive session to consider trade secrets and litigation.

Following the executive session, the meeting reopened.

## IV. Action Items - None

Ms. Franklin updated the Committee on the upcoming trial docket.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Phillips Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer