

The MetroHealth System
Board of Trustees
Community Engagement Committee
March 22, 2017

Present: Committee Members: Thomas McDonald, Maureen Dee, Rev. Tony Minor, Mitchell Schneider, Vanessa Whiting

Other Trustees: Charles Spain

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

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

(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. There were no minutes of the meeting to be approved because this was the inaugural meeting of this committee.

II. There were no Consent or Non-Consent Items.

III. Information Items:

This was the inaugural meeting of the Community Engagement Committee. Rev. Minor, the Committee chair, opened the meeting with a discussion of the Committee Charter, and emphasized the prime purpose was to assure that all of the System's community engagement activities are aligned with its mission and address the health needs of the community.

Rev Minor then moved the discussion onto the Committee's core functions. After a robust discussion among Rev. Minor, Dr. Boutros, Vanessa Whiting and Charles Spain, the Committee agreed that the description of two of the five core functions be clarified to define vitality as economic as well as health, and to include both the entire county as well as the W 25th Street neighborhood as within the scope of the System's efforts. These revisions will be submitted to the entire Board for approval at the June meeting.

The Committee concurred that the proposed 2017 Committee goals – invite 10-20 community members to join the Committee, to perform a community needs assessment and gap analysis, and establish five top priorities for the next three years – were appropriate for the first year.

The Committee's charter allows for inclusion of up to 50 community members to be selected by the Committee. These members would be non-voting and participation would not require a financial commitment. These members should represent a wide variety of constituencies across the community to actively participate in the planning and success of the Committee's efforts and to act as ambassadors to the community at large. Elizabeth Allen outlined the suggested inclusive approach for selecting Committee members as follows: a mix of those closely associated with the System and those who would like to participate but haven't had the opportunity to date; members who were deeply knowledgeable about the needs of specific groups in the community, including those in education, healthcare, the faith community, neighborhoods, local government, physicians and the MetroHealth Foundation. The Committee members discussed various ways to make certain that this Committee provide a venue for a variety of voices to engage and that the Committee select the most appropriate people to represent the communities served.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 28 at noon, when proposals for a community needs assessment will be presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Heller Allen

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