



**MINUTES OF THE BETSY LEHMAN CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY AND  
MEDICAL ERROR REDUCTION BOARD**

Date of meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2019

Beginning time: 2:33pm

End time: 3:34pm

**PROCEEDINGS**

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 501 Boylston Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA.

**Board members and designees present:**

Lauren Peters (LP), representing Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders

Ray Campbell (RC)

Edward A. Palleschi (EP)

Eric Gold (EG), representing Attorney General Maura Healey

**BLC staff in attendance:** Barbara Fain (BF), Samantha Bissell (SB)

**Approval of minutes:**

BF asked for a motion to approve the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes; motion made by RC, seconded by LP. Minutes were approved by RC, LP, EP.

**Betsy Lehman Center updates and discussion of initiatives and work plan:**

- BF discussed positive responses to the Cost of Medical Error report release, and outlined plans for the Massachusetts Healthcare Safety and Quality Consortium.
  - BF shared list of current membership and the group discussed organizations which may be invited to join.
  - BF presented the current proposal for the Consortium’s work, including potential taskforces for the various domains. Given the collaborative nature of the work, the goals and taskforces will be fine-tuned once the group convenes later this month.
  - RC mentioned we still are not sure which type of medical error is most prevalent in Massachusetts. BF added that this is why it is important to focus on capacity-building, rather than targeting one specific type of medical error. LP emphasized importance of considering all the different systems involved and their strengths and challenges, and making recommendations based upon which adverse elements are most prevalent in

each organization. The group discussed a variety of challenges that are unique to each healthcare setting.

- BF provided updates on other projects that will continue this year. The Expert Panel on Improving Safety in Emergency Medicine's work is wrapping up and the group should soon have recommendations to share. The Sepsis Consortium's work is continuing, primarily with the Sepsis Public Awareness Campaign.

With no other business to discuss, RC motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by EG and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn and Executive Session begin at 3:34pm.

