



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

Date of meeting: Thursday, July 28, 2022

Beginning time: 10:00 AM

End time: 10:54 AM

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 28, 2022 on Zoom.

Board members and designees present:

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

Ray Campbell (RC)

Edward A. Palleschi (EP)

Sandra Wolitzky (SW), representing Attorney General Maura Healey

BLC staff in attendance: Barbara Fain (BF), M.E. Malone (MEM), Elisabeth Palacios (EAP)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes; motion made by RC, seconded by SW. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Betsy Lehman Center discussion of Fiscal Year 2023 initiatives and priorities:

- BF provided updates on the status of the recent state budget approval—after several years of level-funding, GLC received an increase of \$400,000 and new language that specifies that CHIA fund BLC at an amount “not less than” \$2.5 million.
- BF provided updates on the status of staffing changes at the Betsy Lehman Center. An Operations Manager has been hired and will start in August. The Policy Director position has not been filled.
- BF provided a status update on the Massachusetts Healthcare Safety and Quality Consortium and the new Measurement and Transparency Task Force, the fourth of four task forces related to this work. BF then opened the floor to discussion of the implementation of the Consortium’s recommendations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Barbara Fain

BOARD MEMBERS
Maura Healey
Attorney General

Marylou Sudders
Secretary of Health
and Human Services

Edward A. Palleschi
Undersecretary
of Consumer Affairs
and Business Regulation

Ray Campbell
Executive Director,
Center for Health
Information and Analysis

- BF provided updates on the status of the Betsy Lehman Center and Group Peer Support collaboration project, funding provided through DMH from federal ARPA money. MEM provided details about the pilots set to begin in September. LP provided context on the current CNA certification process and recommended shifting the project focus to one specific healthcare profession (PCAs or CNAs); the current collective bargaining agreement is committed to providing an Employee Assistance Program but they have had difficulties attracting bidders.
- BF provided an update about the Betsy Lehman Center's Peer Support Programs. The Clinician/Staff Peer Support program is set to expand to a Statewide Peer Support Program.
- BF discussed the present efforts to diversify stakeholders who participate on various BLC task forces and other convenings. 10 professional associations have been identified and will be contacted in the coming months.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by RC, seconded by EP and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn and the executive session begin at 10:54 AM.

