



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

Date of meeting: Tuesday, November 29th
Beginning time: 10:03 AM
End time: 10:39 AM

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 29th 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), John McInerney (JM), Aretha Leclair (AL)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the July 28th meeting minutes; motion made by RC, seconded by EP. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- BF spoke about the state’s transition to a new governor and attorney general and its effect on the composition of BLC’s board (all four members of the board will be leaving their current roles) RC said that it will be important to establish relationships with the new administration.
- BF mentioned that the Center’s primary focus is on completing a strategic plan to meaningfully improve the safety of health care in the state (the “Roadmap to Health Care Safety,” in concert with a large consortium of stakeholders, with a goal of a public release in late April.
- BF shared that BLC has launched the virtual peer support network (VPSN) to connect members of the medical community in need of emotional support to trained peers and that we are getting positive feedback and participation of volunteers.
- BF also mentioned BLC’s work with a collaborative of health care providers and other state

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agencies (DPH and MassHealth) to improve birthing outcomes across the state, particularly in communities of color.

- BF said that the board meetings for 2023 will be scheduled once the full composition of the board is known, likely after the end of the first quarter of 2023.
- EP said that he appreciated regular meetings and briefings with BF before each board meeting to discuss key projects and issues – and urged BF to continue to do this with future board members.
- RC and LP also agreed to the above statement and appreciated the personal connection along with the helpful materials provided by BF.
- LP encouraged having one on one meetings and listing core activities and initiatives, and the top priorities at BLC, especially amid the board transition.
- SW agreed with the above statements, and also recommended that BLC also use this transition time as an opportunity to reflect on its work and priorities.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by RC, seconded by EP, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

