



BETSY LEHMAN CENTER

for Patient Safety

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Date of meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Beginning time: 1:05 PM

End time: 2:25 PM

PROCEEDINGS

The annual meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in person.

Board members and designees present:

Clinton Dick (CD), representing Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs Layla R. D'Emilia

Kiame Mahaniah (KM), representing Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh

Lauren Peters (LP)

Sandra Wolitzky (SW), representing Attorney General Andrea J. Campbell

Betsy Lehman Center staff in attendance: Barbara Fain (BF), Janell Wilkinson (JW), Julia Prentice (JP), Jackie Ewuoso (JE) Michelle Woodward (MW) and Kip Tran (KT)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the May 30, 2023 meeting minutes; motion made by SW, seconded by CD. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion:

- Workplan
 - BF presented an overview of the *Roadmap to Health Care Safety* initial action steps. Some action steps can proceed within BLC's current operational budget, but others will require additional funding, particularly the EHR Surveillance pilot.
 - SW asked what is being done to secure additional funding. BF explained that the budget amendment that the Center sought in the FY 2024 budget did not pass.. The current plan is to request an appropriation in a supplemental budget. While the initial ask was \$3.5 million (\$2.7 million of which related to the EHR surveillance project),BLC will now seek \$1.5 million to fund the first half of the pilot in FY 2024.
 - LP asked which agencies were the driving force for EHR surveillance in other states. BF explained that EHR surveillance was provider driven in other states, and that the hospitals do not share their data with state agencies or anyone else.
 - BF noted that the Measurement and Transparency Task Force is still finalizing its deliverables, and that BLC is developing an annual report on safety.
- Budget for FY 2024
 - BF reviewed the FY 2024 operational budget, explaining that 80 percent of the Betsy Lehman Center budget goes to payroll.

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- BLC will receive revenue as a subrecipient of two grants during FY 2024: a HRSA maternal health grant to the Department of Public Health, and an NIH grant to Massachusetts General Brigham. BLC also will receive revenue through and ISA with the Department of Mental Health to manage an ARPA earmark to Group Peer Support Services.
- Bylaws
 - Discussion of the Bylaws as approved on August 31, 2015.
 - BF flagged article 2.1 on the composition of the Board, explaining that a technical amendments bill in the prior legislative session that would have added members did not pass.
 - Regarding the provision in article 2.4 that requires Board members to be consulted prior to the Center entering into contracts with a value over \$150,000, CD stated that he trusts the procurement process. The board unanimously agreed to strike that provision.
 - The Board unanimously agreed to strike the provision in Article 3.7 related to delegation of authority to approve “administrative matters.”
- Board engagement
 - SW asked would like BF to develop a vision of how the Board can support BLC’s work.
 - LP suggested that BF articulate the core functions of the Board.
- Next meeting, scheduled for October 25th, will include a discussion the FY25 plans and changes in the bylaws.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by LP, seconded by SW, and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn at 2:25 PM.