



Date of meeting: 04/17/2024

Beginning time: 1:32pm

End time: 2:14

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 via Zoom

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) M.E. Malone (MEM)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes; motion made by LP, seconded by SW. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion:

Updates on Betsy Lehman Center Initiatives/Projects:

Automated Adverse Event Monitoring Pilot

BF: The Betsy Lehman Center is in the process of securing funding through the state budget. The FY25 House Ways and Means Committee budget included the additional operation budget funds requested but did not include a separate request for a new General Fund line item to cover BLC’s contracted cost for two action items related to implementation of the *Roadmap to Healthcare Safety*. Most of the needed funds would support the automated EHR adverse event monitoring pilot.

Chair Lawn is sponsoring an amendment #854 to the budget and Barbara is doing outreach to legislative members to co-sponsor the amendment.

SW: What other options are available to support these projects if the FY 2025 budget does not include funding?

BF: Foundation or industry funding are other options. Stakeholders have expressed some willingness to consider funding the projects, but there are many advantages to having the state back this work.

Health Care Safety Education

BF: \$300,000 of the budget amendment request is to fund the Health Care Safety Education Initiative. This funding would ultimately be used to develop a statewide safety education curriculum. There is an active advisory group currently working on this initiative in the meantime. They will recommend standards of safety education for licensed health care professionals as well as help shape the curriculum. A representative from the Board of Registration in Medicine is part of our advisory group.

Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Support

MEM: A forum for PFAC members will be held virtually in May. There will be two topics: a discussion on strategies to attract a more diverse group of members of the community to join PFACs and another on effective interactions with hospital leadership.

Next meeting, scheduled for July 17, 2024 on site at 501 Boylston Street, Boston.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by SW, seconded by CD and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn at 2:14 PM.