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Date of meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Beginning time: 1:03pm

End time: 2:13pm

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 24, 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), John McInerney (JM), Janell Wilkinson (JW) Julia Prentice (JP)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the October 25, 2023, meeting minutes; motion made by CD, seconded by LP. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion:

Updates on Betsy Lehman Center Initiatives/Projects

New format for Board updates. BF provided the Board with a summary document providing current updates on major Betsy Lehman Center initiatives. The Board welcomed the new format, which the Center will continue to provide in advance of future meetings.

Roadmap to Health Care Safety implementation. LP asked BF about contingency plans if the Legislature does not include funding for the Automated Adverse Event Monitoring Pilot in the FY 2025 budget. BF noted that the Betsy Lehman Center can fund the preliminary work through September 2024 through its operating budget. Additional funding (\$1.9 million) will need to be secured before technical integration and data collection can begin. LP asked about hospital recruitment and the minimum number of hospitals needed to conduct the pilot. BF described the process and indicated that a minimum of five hospitals would be needed to provide enough data for evaluation.

Maternal Health initiatives. SW asked for an explanation of the maternal health equity bundle. JP explained the voluntary birthing hospital data collection, analytics, and coaching associated with the bundle. She also reported that that initiative will wrap up soon, as scheduled, and be replaced by a perinatal mental health bundle.

LP inquired whether there were synergies between the work in the equity safety bundle and the maternal health/equity priorities of the EOHHS undersecretary and the Center. KM replied that levels of maternal care was a top EOHHS priority, and that the Center's work was well-aligned. LP asked whether

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there could be redundancies between race/ethnicity data collection in the bundle with current data collected from hospital EHRs by CHIA. JP responded that the work is in partnership with CHIA and hospitals are not being asked to collect or report additional data.

Annual Report. The Board discussed the annual report requirements in the Betsy Lehman Center's enabling statute. BF asked for feedback on the requirement and potential report timing. LP asked if there could be uniform way agencies measure patient safety. BF said that this type of data optimization effort is part of the Center's *Roadmap to Health Care Safety for Massachusetts*. BF reported that the Center is developing an annual report using summary data on patient safety already available. LP recommended releasing the report well in advance of major annual reports by CHIA and the Health Policy Commission in the spring and suggested targeting a January release.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by SW, seconded by LP and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn at 2:13pm.

- Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 17, 2024.