



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

Date of meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Beginning time: 11:38am

End time: 1:01pm

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 501 Boylston Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA.

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), Samantha Bissell (SB)

Approval of minutes:

BF asked for a motion to approve the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes; motion made by RC, seconded by LP. Minutes were approved by RC, LP, SW.

Betsy Lehman Center updates and discussion of initiatives, work plan, and budget proposal:

- Welcoming new board member Edward A. Palleschi, Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.
- BF discussed upcoming release of research findings:
 - The goals of the research were to identify incidents and types of medical error and the physical and financial impacts of these errors.
 - Betsy Lehman Center staff have discussed the findings with numerous stakeholders in preparation for a public report and, subsequently, an effective response to the issues uncovered in the research. This will likely include a consortium, which would serve as a statewide planning body.
 - LP asked what types of responses have been identified as being most helpful and what organizations might want to see as outcomes of consortium; BF outlined potential domains that consortium will address. RC emphasized the significance of measuring some of these facts for the first time, as this is significant, and that establishing this

factual foundation is of primary importance. LP recommended specificity of focus in the consortium's work.

- The group discussed the potential structure, priorities and membership of the consortium, as well as the resources and coordination needed for it to be successful. Additionally, the group discussed the desired outcome of consortium's work, which is for the multiple stakeholders involved to arrive at shared goals and an action plan to improve patient safety.
- Budget discussion
 - Having been level-funded for the last several years, the Betsy Lehman Center is asking the legislature to approve an increase to the cap in the line item within CHIA's appropriation. More staff and additional external support are needed, requiring a right-sizing of the budget.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by RC, seconded by LP and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn at 1:01pm.

