

UNIVERSITY of KENTUCKY
University Health Care Committee
March 3, 2008

MEMBERS

Mr. James Hardymon
Judge Phillip Patton
Dr. Charles Sachatello
Ms. Myra Tobin
Mr. Billy Wilcoxson

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Ms. Mira Ball
Mr. Jay Blanton
Mr. Frank Butler
Mr. Harry Dadds
Mr. Pete Gilbert
Ms. Ann Haney
Ms. Courtney Higdon
Ms. Barbara Jones
Mr. Marc Matthews
Mr. Sergio Melgar
Ms. Amanda Nelson
Dr. Kevin Nelson
Ms. Sandi Patterson
Ms. JoEtta Wickliffe

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. James Hardymon. It was noted that the committee members were offered a tour of the Good Samaritan Hospital prior to the meeting. Mr. Hardymon also noted that in his absence tomorrow at the full Board of Trustees meeting, Judge Patton will provide the report from the University Health Care Committee. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. CLARK REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Lofgren reported on progress with the Clark Regional Medical Center relationship. Four workgroups have been established comprised of UK HealthCare and Clark administrators and physicians. Those workgroups have begun work and expect to report to the coordinating committee in late March/early April. Initial meetings have gone very well with all parties eagerly engaged in the discussions.

III. SMOKE FREE INITIATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Clark and Mr. Dadds updated the committee on the progress towards a tobacco-free medical center. Dozens of people are involved in planning for this initiative. The tobacco-free zones have been identified and the Board will act tomorrow on a revision to the Governing Regulations that will allow this process to proceed.

Mr. Clark also gave a brief construction update on the new hospital noting that the first footers will be poured for the new building this week. Bids on the core and shell of the building will be issued in April and are expected back in early May. The full garage will be open in late April or early May. Feedback on the new garage and shuttle service has been very positive.

Mr. Hardymon excused himself from the meeting and Judge Patton presided over the remainder of the meeting agenda.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Melgar reviewed the College of Medicine financials through the first six months of the fiscal year. They reviewed the progress of research activity and faculty recruitment. Dr. Sachatello commented on the percentage of foreign national medical graduates being recruited to the organization and the need to understand the related implications. Mr. Gilbert went on to discuss the impact of the budget cut for this year and the one anticipated next year. Although the state support of the College's budget is only 12%, the impact to recruiting and other activities within the College is already being felt.

Mr. Melgar reviewed the Hospital System financials for January. Investments have suffered the past couple months but operating income remains very strong and on track to exceed the targets for the year. The positive operating income is a result of the acquisition of Good Samaritan and continued growth. We could not have served the patients we have over the past year and maintained a positive financial result solely within Chandler. The acquisition has been good for the University as well as the patients of the region.

V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Richard Lofgren presented the UK Chandler Hospital Medical Staff report and the credentials being put forward for approval. The committee made a motion and approved the UK Chandler Hospital Credentials.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sachatello noted the importance of the committee being familiar and informed of quality outcomes for the hospitals and his disappointment in not seeing this addressed in the minutes of the Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) meetings. Dr. Lofgren noted that the MSEC does review quality data at each meeting but that in addition to that he will prepare a comprehensive quality report update to distribute to the committee members. Dr. Sachatello also expressed concern with the rapid growth of the health care enterprise. Mr. Wilcoxson commented that in the financial and other information presented to the committee members he has seen no evidence that causes him concern with the rate of growth of the organization.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.