

Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee of the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System held Monday, May 20, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M., at 1950 West Polk Street, Room 5301, in Chicago, Illinois.

**I. Attendance/Call to Order**

Chair Bhatt called the meeting to order.

Present: Chair Jay Bhatt, DO, MPH, MPA and Directors Robert Currie (Substitute Member) and Joseph M. Harrington (Substitute Member) (3)

Remotely Present: Directors Raul Garza and Mia Webster Cross, MSN, RN (2)

Absent: Director Tanya R. Sorrell, PhD, PMHNP-BC (1)

Director Harrington, seconded by Director Currie, moved to allow Directors Garza and Webster Cross to remotely participate in this meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additional attendees and/or presenters were:

Abayome Akintorin, MD – John H. Stroger, Jr.  
Hospital of Cook County

Paul Allegretti, MD – Provident Hospital of Cook  
County

Linh Dang – Chief Experience Officer

James Driscoll – Director of Patient Satisfaction

Chukwudozie Ezeokoli, MD – Attending Physician  
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Claudia Fegan, MD – Chief Medical Officer

Irene Marks – Associate Chief Quality Officer

Jeff McCutchan – General Counsel

Erik Mikaitis, MD – Interim Chief Executive  
Officer

Mike Moonan – Chief Nursing Officer, Provident  
Hospital

Amy O'Malley – Nurse Coordinator II

Raphael Parayao – Director of Nursing Operations

Alisha Patel – Assistant General Counsel

Jennifer Rozenich – Director of Planning and

Analysis, Quality Assurance

Deborah Santana – Secretary to the Board

Raji Thomas – Interim Chief Quality Officer

Jacqueline Whitten, DNP – Chief Nursing Officer,  
Stroger Hospital

The next regular meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.

**II. Public Speaker Testimony**

There was no public speaker testimony provided.

**III. Action Items**

**A. Approve appointments and reappointments of Stroger Hospital Department Chair(s) and Division Chair(s) (Attachment #1)**

Dr. Claudia Fegan, Chief Medical Officer, provided an overview of the one (1) proposed Stroger Hospital Department Chair Initial Appointment presented for the Committee's consideration.

Director Currie, seconded by Director Harrington, moved to approve Item III(A) the one (1) proposed Stroger Hospital Department Chair Initial Appointment. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**III. Action Items (continued)**

**B. Executive Medical Staff (EMS) of Stroger Hospital and Medical Executive Committee (MEC) of Provident Hospital Matters**

- i. Receive report from EMS President
  - Receive summary of Stroger Hospital-Wide Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee (Attachment #2)
  - Approve Stroger Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #3)
- ii. Receive report from MEC President
  - Receive summary of Provident Hospital Quality and Performance Improvement Committee (Attachment #2)
  - Approve Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/ Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #3)

Dr. Abayomi Akintorin, President of the EMS of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, reviewed the Stroger Quality Committee summary and presented the proposed Stroger Hospital medical staff action items for the Committee's consideration. Dr. Paul Allegretti, President of the MEC of Provident Hospital, reviewed the Provident Quality Committee summary and presented the proposed Provident Hospital medical staff action items for the Committee's consideration.

Director Harrington, seconded by Director Currie, moved to approve Item III(B) the proposed Stroger Hospital and Provident Hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments and changes. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C. Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting, April 19, 2024**

Chair Bhatt inquired whether any corrections needed to be made to the minutes.

Director Currie, seconded by Director Harrington, moved to accept Item III(C) the Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting of April 19, 2024. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**D. Any items listed under Section III**

**IV. Operational Excellence (OpEx)**

**A. OpEx Dashboards (Stroger, Provident, ACHN) (Attachment #4)**

Raji Thomas, Interim Chief Quality Officer, provided an overview of the OpEx Dashboard. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

**IV. OpEx (continued)**

**B. Update from OpEx Workgroups (Attachment #5)**

- Patient Experience - Stroger Hospital: reviewed by Linh Dang, Dr. Jacqueline Whitten and Dr. Chukwudozie Ezeokoli
- Patient Experience - Provident Hospital: reviewed by Linh Dang, Mike Moonan and Raphael Parayao
- Patient Experience – ACHN: reviewed by James Driscoll and Linh Dang
- Throughput – Provident Hospital: reviewed by Dr. Paul Allegretti and Amy O'Malley

The four (4) Updates from the OpEx Workgroups were reviewed by the individuals listed above. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

**V. Report on other Quality and Patient Safety Matters**

**A. Regulatory and Accreditation Updates (Attachment #6)**

Irene Marks, Associate Chief Quality Officer, provided an overview of the Regulatory Update. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

**VI. Closed Meeting Items**

**A. Stroger Hospital and Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments / Re-appointments / Changes**

**B. Claims, Litigation and Quality and Patient Safety Matters**

**C. Matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996**

**D. Quarterly Patient Safety Report**

Director Harrington, seconded by Director Currie, moved to recess the open meeting and convene into a closed meeting, pursuant to the following exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings Act: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), regarding “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity,” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), regarding “litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting,” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12), regarding “the establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to

