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 Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. This meeting was held by remote means only, in compliance with Illinois Public Act 101-0640.

I. Attendance/Call to Order

Chair Gugenheim called the meeting to order.

Present:
- Chair Ada Mary Gugenheim
- Directors Mary Driscoll, RN, MPH; Raul Garza; and Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH (4)
- Board Chair M. Hill Hammock (ex-officio) and Directors Robert Currie, Joseph M. Harrington and Mike Koetting
- Patricia Merryweather (Non-Director Member)

Absent:
- Director Otis L. Story, Sr. (1)

Additional attendees and/or presenters were:
- Claudia Fegan, MD – Chief Medical Officer
- Anita Giuntoli – Director of Patient Safety
- Jafar Hasan, MD, MBA – John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Trevor Lewis, MD – John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Jeff McCutchan – General Counsel
- Radhamani Nair, RN – John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Beena Peters, DNP, RN, FACHE – Chief Nursing Officer
- Kathryn Radigan, MD – John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Israel Rocha, Jr. – Chief Executive Officer
- Deborah Santana – Secretary to the Board
- Sonya Watkins, System Director, Regulatory Affairs and Accreditation

The next regular meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

II. Electronically Submitted Public Speaker Testimony

There was no public testimony submitted.

III. Report on Quality and Patient Safety Matters

A. High Reliability Organization (HRO) Dashboard (Attachment #1)

Dr. Claudia Fegan, Chief Medical Officer, provided an overview of the HRO Dashboard. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

During the discussion of the information on readmission rates, Dr. Beena Peters, Chief Nursing Officer, stated that she will return to the Committee with an update on the subject of patient education at discharge, with a focus on understanding the gap left in the process when medical and pharmacy students were not able to be involved (students were not onsite providing direct patient contact when the Covid-19 positivity rate was over 8%).
III. **Report on Quality and Patient Safety Matters (continued)**

   B. **Regulatory and Accreditation Updates** (Attachment #2)

Sonya Watkins, System Director of Regulatory Affairs and Accreditation, provided an overview of the update on regulatory and accreditation matters. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

IV. **Action Items**

   NOTE: action was taken on Agenda Items IV(B), IV(C) and IV(D) in one (1) combined motion.

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

There were none presented for the Committee’s consideration.

   B. **Executive Medical Staff (EMS) of Stroger Hospital and Medical Executive Committee (MEC) of Provident Hospital Matters**
   
   i. Receive report from EMS President
   
   - Approve Stroger Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #3)
   
   ii. Receive report from MEC President
   
   - Approve Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/ Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #3)

Dr. Trevor Lewis, President of the EMS of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, presented the proposed Stroger Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes for the Committee’s consideration. At the recent annual EMS Meeting, they received reports from the Department of Graduate Medical Education, Division of Infectious Diseases and the Institutional Review Board. Additionally, eight (8) candidates were presented for the four (4) elected officer positions which will be starting in March 2021.

Dr. Marlon Kirby, President of the MEC of Provident Hospital of Cook County, was unable to attend the meeting due to clinical duties.

   C. **Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting, November 23, 2020**

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

   D. **Draft Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Special Meeting, December 21, 2020**

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

   E. **Any items listed under Sections IV and V**
IV. **Action Items (continued)**

Director Prendergast, seconded by Director Driscoll, moved the following:

- Approve Item IV(B) Stroger Hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments and changes;
- Approve Item IV(B) Provident Hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments and changes;
- Accept Item IV(C) November 23, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes; and
- Approve Item IV(D) Draft December 21, 2020 Committee Special Meeting Minutes.

A roll call vote was taken, the votes of yeas and nays being as follows:

**Yeas:** Chair Gugenheim and Directors Driscoll, Garza and Prendergast (4)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Director Story (1)

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **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. **Quality and Patient Safety Report**

Director Prendergast, seconded by Director Driscoll, 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 any insurer of the public body or any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool of which the public body is a member,” and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(17), regarding “the recruitment,
V. **Closed Meeting Items (continued)**

credentialing, discipline or formal peer review of physicians or other health care professionals, or for the discussion of matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 42 C.F.R. Part 3 (73 FR 70732), or the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164, by a hospital, or other institution providing medical care, that is operated by the public body.”

On the motion to recess the open meeting and convene into a closed meeting, a roll call was taken, the votes of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Chair Gugenheim and Directors Driscoll, Garza and Prendergast (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Director Story (1)

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and the Committee convened into a closed meeting.

Chair Gugenheim declared that the closed meeting was adjourned. The Committee reconvened into the open meeting.

VI. **Adjourn**

As the agenda was exhausted, Chair Gugenheim declared the meeting ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Quality and Patient Safety Committee of the
Board of Directors of the
Cook County Health and Hospitals System

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Ada Mary Gugenheim, Chair

Attest:

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Deborah Santana, Secretary

Requests/follow-up:

Follow-up: An update on the subject of patient education at discharge, with a focus on understanding the gap left in the process when medical and pharmacy students were not able to be involved, will be provided in the near future. Page 1