

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 Friday, March 19, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. This meeting was held by remote means only, in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

I. Attendance/Call to Order

Chair Gugenheim called the meeting to order.

Present: Chair Ada Mary Gugenheim and Directors Mary Driscoll, RN, MPH; Raul Garza; Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH; and Otis L. Story, Sr. (5)

Board Chair M. Hill Hammock (ex-officio) and Directors Robert Currie, Joseph M. Harrington and Mike Koetting

Patricia Merryweather (Non-Director Member)

Absent: None (2)

Additional attendees and/or presenters were:

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

Claudia Fegan, MD – Chief Medical Officer

Leslie Frain – Associate Chief Quality Officer

Anita Giuntoli – Director of Patient Safety

Jeff McCutchan – General Counsel

John O'Brien, MD - Associate Medical Director,
Medical Education

Beena Peters, DNP, RN, FACHE – Chief Nursing
Officer

Israel Rocha, Jr. – Chief Executive Officer

Tara Ruhlen – Director of Planning and Analysis

Deborah Santana – Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

II. Electronically Submitted Public Speaker Testimony (Attachment #1)

The Secretary read the public speaker testimony submitted from the following individual into the record:

1. Nanette Silva – Program Director, Community Memorial Foundation

III. Report on Quality and Patient Safety Matters

A. High Reliability Organization (HRO) Dashboard (Attachment #2)

Leslie Frain, Associate Chief Quality Officer, provided an overview of the HRO Dashboard. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

In response to a question from Director Driscoll regarding metrics on hospital acquired infections, Ms. Frain noted that those metrics are presented to the Committee as part of a closed meeting report on a quarterly basis; they are expected to be presented again in May. Ms. Merryweather noted that the data is publicly reported, so she is not sure why it is not presented in a public format; she added that it would be ideal to separate out the Medicare-related events, as those are subject to penalties. Ms. Frain and Dr. Claudia Fegan, Chief Medical Officer, indicated that it can be further discussed. Dr. Fegan noted that the data for all hospital acquired infections is presented in a closed meeting; Medicare is a small percentage of the total number of patients, so presenting data only relating to the Medicare patients may not be reflective of the total patient population.

III. Report on Quality and Patient Safety Matters (continued)**B. Regulatory and Accreditation Updates**

Ms. Frain provided a verbal update on regulatory and accreditation matters. Staff continue with ongoing survey preparedness activities at Provident Hospital as they await the survey by The Joint Commission (TJC), which could come at any time. She added that Stroger Hospital has now entered the TJC survey window, too.

C. Report on Employee Engagement and Culture of Safety Survey (Attachment #3)

The following individuals provided an overview of the Report: Tara Ruhlen, Director of Planning and Analysis; Anita Giuntoli, Director of Patient Safety; and Leslie Frain, Associate Chief Quality Officer. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

IV. Action Items

NOTE: action was taken on Agenda Items IV(A), 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) (Attachment #4)

Dr. Claudia Fegan, Chief Medical Officer, presented the following Stroger Hospital Division Chair Initial Appointment for the Committee's consideration:

Initial appointment of the following individual as Division Chair of the Medical Staff of the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County:

Name	Department/Appt Term	Title
Jennifer Suffern, DPM	Surgery 03/19/2021 - 05/17/2023	Chair of the Division of Podiatry

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 #5)
- Approve Stroger Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #6)

ii. Receive report from MEC President

- Receive summary of Provident Hospital Quality and Performance Improvement Committee (Attachment #5)
- Approve Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/ Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #6)

Dr. Abayome Akintorin, President of the EMS of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, presented the informational Stroger Hospital-Wide Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee summary; he also presented the proposed Stroger Hospital medical staff action items for the Committee's consideration. Dr. Marlon Kirby, President of the MEC of Provident Hospital of Cook County, was unable to attend the meeting due to clinical duties.

IV. Action Items (continued)

C. Overview of Resident/Fellow Training (Attachment #7)

- Approve Proposed Clinical Training Affiliation Agreements

Dr. John O'Brien, Chair of the Department of Professional Education, provided an overview of the information contained in the presentation, and presented the proposed clinical training affiliation agreements (included in the presentation) for the Committee's consideration.

D. Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting, February 18, 2021

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

E. Any items listed under Sections IV and V

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

- Approve Item IV(A) Proposed Stroger Hospital Division Chair Initial Appointment;
- Approve Item IV(B) Stroger Hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments and changes;
- Approve Item IV(B) Provident Hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments and changes;
- Approve Item IV(C) Proposed Clinical Training Affiliation Agreements; and
- Accept Item IV(D) February 18, 2021 Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Yeas: Chair Gugenheim and Directors Driscoll, Garza, Prendergast and Story (5)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

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**

The Committee did not convene into a closed 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: Follow-up discussion indicated on the subject of reporting metrics for hospital acquired
infections. Page 1