

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, February 17, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. This meeting was held by remote means only, due to the determination that a public health emergency exists.

## **I. Attendance/Call to Order**

Chair Gugenheim called the meeting to order.

Present: Chair Ada Mary Gugenheim and Directors Raul Garza; Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH (3)

Board Chair Lyndon Taylor (ex officio) and Director Joseph M. Harrington

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

Additional attendees and/or presenters were:

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

Ciarria Alfred-Williams – Director of Quality,  
Regulatory Affairs and Accreditation

Linh Dang – Chief Experience Officer

Kimberly Dixon, MD – Section Chief of Geriatric  
Medicine

Claudia Fegan, MD – Chief Medical Officer

Sharon Irons, MD – Medical Director,  
Ambulatory Services

Jeff McCutchan - General Counsel

Israel Rocha, Jr. – Chief Executive Officer

Tara Ruhlen – Director, Planning and Analysis

Deborah Santana – Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022 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.

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

Ciarria Alfred-Williams, Director of Quality, Regulatory Affairs and Accreditation, provided an overview of the Regulatory Update. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

### **C. Update from the HEDIS HRO Workgroup (Attachment #3)**

Dr. Sharon Irons, Medical Director of Ambulatory Services, provided an overview of the Update from the HEDIS HRO Workgroup. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

### **III. Report on Quality and Patient Safety Matters (continued)**

#### **D. Update on Geriatric Services (Attachment #4)**

Dr. Kimberly Dixon, Section Chief of Geriatric Medicine, provided an overview of the Update on Geriatric Services. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

#### **E. Introduction of Chief Experience Officer (Attachment #5)**

Linh Dang, Chief Experience Officer, provided an overview of her presentation. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

### **IV. Action Items**

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

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

None were presented for consideration.

#### **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 (none presented)
  - 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 (none presented)
  - Approve Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/ Reappointments/Changes (Attachment #6)

Dr. Abayomi Akintorin, President of the EMS of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, 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 responsibilities, so Chair Gugenheim noted that the proposed Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes is being presented for the Committee's consideration.

#### **C. Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting, January 20, 2022**

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

**IV. Action Items (continued)**

**D. Any items listed under Sections IV and V**

Director Prendergast, seconded by Director Garza, 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) January 20, 2022 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 Garza and Prendergast (3)

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. Quarterly Quality and Patient Safety Reports**

Director Prendergast, seconded by Director Garza, 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

**V. Closed Meeting Items (continued)**

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, 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 Garza and Prendergast (3)

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

**Follow-up/Requests**

There were no requests for follow-up made at the meeting.