



University of Connecticut
Health Center

Health Affairs Committee

March 7, 2000
Minutes

Attendees: See attached list.

Ms. Leonardi called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Public Comment

- Dr. Larry Raisz – clinical research

II. Financial Update

L. Aronson and D. Upton

The net loss for January was \$847,000 which was less than the expected loss of \$1,225,000. The month included one-time savings and one-time unexpected costs and as a single data point should be viewed conservatively in extrapolating trends. However, there are markers suggesting that patient volume is higher than expected and that corrective actions are beginning to take effect as anticipated.

The Opportunity Registry including the statement of “Monthly Effect of Actions Taken” indicates we are on schedule. The estimated loss for FY 00 remains at \$12.4 million. Ms. Susan Whetstone has been assigned the responsibility of ensuring the items in the Registry are realized on schedule.

III. Legislative Update

C. Leonardi and B. Carlson

There has been wide debate at the Legislature concerning the Health Center. At this time we believe \$20 million will be allocated in gap funding to cover the deficit for FY 00 and FY 01. The focus of the debate is now on the nature of oversight that might be placed on these funds or on the Health Center overall. Many staff from Farmington and Storrs as well as HAC members have been heavily engaged in these discussions including providing testimony and meeting with legislators on a one on one or small group basis.

IV. Clinical Strategic Planning Process

G. Hart

It has been made clear that JDH is not going to become part of a larger Health System and thus must survive as an independent hospital. This model has inherent risks and costs as well as benefits. Dr. Strongwater is leading an effort to identify short-term market alignments. Mr. Hart is leading a longer term strategic planning effort which will attempt to identify unique clinical services linked to research initiatives. The framework of this plan should be ready by mid-April with fuller details in the 1-2 months following. The HAC and BOT will need a full briefing of this plan at that time as well as a refresher on the education and research strategic plans.

V. Executive Session

The Health Affairs Committee voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:40m. to discuss matters that would result in the disclosure of public records described in Sec. 1-210 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Mr. Gelfenbien, Ms. Leonardi, Dr. Jacobs, Mr. Martinez, President Austin. Staff present were: Ms. Aronson, Mr. Carlson, Dr. Deckers, Mr. Peterson, Dr. Robinson, Mr. Kleinman, Dr. Strongwater, Dr. Orpirhory, Dr. Wetstone, Ms. Turling

HAC left Executive Session at 11:25 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Deckers, M.D.

Attendees

Lori Aronson, Dr. Phillip Austin, Dr. Jack Blechner, Bruce Carlson, Thomas Cawley, Dr. Peter Deckers, Robert Frahm, Roger Gelfeinbien, Gregory Hart, Dr. Lenworth Jacobs, William Kleinman, Dr. Bruce Koeppen, Claire Leonardi, Michael Martinez, Jean Morningstar, John Noonan, Dr. Gloria Opirhory, Howard Peterson, Gary Robinson, Dr. Peter Robinson, Brian Rogoz, Dr. Steven Strongwater, Daniel Upton, Emmy van Stolk, John Sweeney, James Walter, Dr. Scott Wetstone, Susan Whetstone, and Deborah Turling

Documents Distributed During the Meeting

- a) Financial Update and Outlook memo— draft financial results as of 1/31/00
- b) 2000/01 Operating Budget Request
- c) TranXition Management – Critical Performance Improvement Opportunity Register including Monthly Effect of Actions Taken
- d) UCHS Clinical Strategic Planning