



University of Connecticut
Health Center

Health Affairs Committee

May 1, 2001
Minutes

Ms. Leonardi called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

I. Public Comment - None.

II. Executive Session — entered at 10:07 a.m.

The Health Affairs Committee voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:08 am 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: J. Abromaitis; B. Carlson, J. Donich; R. Gelfenbien; L. Jacobs; C. Leonardi; M. Martinez

Staff present were: L. Aronson, P. Deckers, E. Grab, W. Kleinman, P. McManus, P. Robinson, S. Strongwater, D. Upton, S. Wetstone, S. Whetstone.

HAC left Executive Session and resumed public session again at 11:48 a.m.

III. Introductory Business Items

A. Approval of Minutes — March 20, 2001

- The minutes of March 20, 2001 were approved unanimously.

B. Recognition(s) — None.

IV. Consents

A. Institutional

- Contracts > \$500,000 — None.

B. Specific to the UCHS including JCC approved action items and UCHC Finance Corporation — None.

C. Specific to Schools

- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees — **That the Board of Trustees approves the School of Medicine recommendations for tenure, promotion and reappointments.**
- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees — **That the Board of Trustees approves the School of Dental Medicine recommendations for tenure, promotions and reappointments.**

IV. Informational Items

- Policy for In Residence Faculty Appointments, Reappointments and Notification of Non-Reappointments was noted.

V. Education – None

VI. Main Business Items

A. Chair's Remarks and Reports – None

B. Deans' Remarks and Reports - None

C. Clinical Operations Report (S. Strongwater)

1. JDH

- JDH Annual Human Resources Report was received and noted.

D. CFO's Remarks and Reports (L. Aronson and D. Upton)

1. Legislative update

- A summary was handed out and discussed reporting the status of the biennial funding request of the University and UCHC that included the governor's recommendations, the Appropriation's committee recommendations and the shortfall. The shortfall for UCHC in FY 02 is \$2.8-\$3.1 million below current services. No funds were proposed for either year of the Integrated Strategic Plan (a \$12.6 million shortfall over the biennium.) Further attempts will be made to obtain additional funding from the Legislature before the close of the session.
- There may be legislative actions resulting in increased Medicaid reimbursement for hospital services that could go to the UCHC bottom line. Depending on the final form of the bill and our patient mix, this could increase revenues by ~\$3 million.
- It does not appear that the capital budget requests will be endorsed due to the large balance that has already been legislated but not released by the Bond Commission. This totals ~\$26 million of which fully documented plans are ready to support the release of ~\$12 million. On a positive side, some Legislators may help to secure the release of some of this balance.
- One bill moving its way through the Legislature calls for the building of a DPH laboratory on the Farmington campus and collaboration between DPH and UCHC. There is ~\$10 million being proposed for the first phases of this in FY 02.
- Assuming the Integrated Strategic Plan is not funded in this Legislative session, we could revise our presentation to make a more persuasive request in the next session.

2. Quarterly Report for the period ending March 31, 2001

- This quarter ended with a favorable variance of \$486,173 against budget (budgeted excess of revenues over expenses was \$655,704 and actual was \$1,133,877.)
- Year to date, there is a \$1,855,030 favorable variance against budget (budgeted deficit of \$783,080 with a actual positive excess of \$1,071,951.)
- Metrics for clinical volume continue to look positive.

- It is anticipated the fiscal year performance will meet the budgeted year-end bottom line of \$170,000 after all state appropriations are factored in.

The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees –

That the Board of Trustees approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2001 for submission to the General Assembly's Health Center Review Committees.

3. Monthly Report March 2001
 - This month ended with a favorable variance of \$224,053 against budget (budgeted excess of revenues over expenses was \$241,946 and actual was \$465,999.)
 - There was a positive variance for research activity indicating that the negative variances that were created due to the change from cash to accrued accounting methodology may be coming to an end.
4. An unaudited Balance Sheet for March 2001 was shown for the first time.
5. Mr. Upton announced the hiring of Ms. Sherroll Margiotta as Associate Vice President of Finance from PwC to replace Rachel Tressy. Mr. Richard Peer as Director of Patient Financial Services for John Dempsey Hospital.

E. Other Business

1. Opportunity Register
 - Anticipated savings for the end of the fiscal year will be between \$5.2 - \$5.3 million against a budgeted target of \$5.1 million.
 - An opportunity register is being developed for FY 02 and will be presented to HAC during the budget workshop in June.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Deckers, M.D.

Attendees

J. Abromaitis, L. Aronson, B. Carlson, P. Deckers, J. Donich, R. Gelfenbien, F. Gifford, E. Grab, L. Jacobs, W. Kleinman, J. Lattanzio, C. Leonardi, M. Martinez, P. McManus, P. Robinson, D. Serino, S. Strongwater, R. Trestman, D. Turling, D. Upton, S. Wetstone and S. Whetstone

Documents Distributed During the Meeting

University of Connecticut – University Request Fiscal Years 2002 & 2003.