



UCHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS Clinical Affairs Subcommittee

**May 2, 2006
MINUTES**

Attendance:

Voting Members: Dr. Bigos, Dr. Friend, Mr. Cloud, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Garibaldi, Dr. Kozol, Dr. Palmisano, Dr. Shafer, Mr. Samuels

Non-voting Members: Dr. Deckers, Mr. Dugger, Ms. Leone, Dr. Menzoian, Dr. Sanford, Dr. Simon, Dr. Strongwater

Others: Ms. Mazzone, Ms. Whetstone, Ms. DeMeo

Guests: Mr. Thibeault, Ms. Horbatuck, Mr. Penney, Ms. Luby, Ms. Armstrong, Mr. Giannini, Ms. Shanley

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Friend at 8:37 a.m.

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Minutes of the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee Meetings

A motion was made and seconded (Palmisano/Kozol) to recommend that the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee approve the minutes of the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee meetings held on January 17, 2006, February 7, 2006, and February 21, 2006. The motion was unanimously adopted.

III. Baldrige/JCAHO Theme Introduction – Dr. Strongwater

Dr. Strongwater briefly introduced the Baldrige/JCAHO theme as it relates to process and outcomes for both operations and business. The presentations planned for the meeting are exciting and will give the group a sense of where UCHC is going.

IV. Information Technology Update – Ms. Sandy Armstrong, Ms. Roberta Luby, Ms. Linda Shanley

Ms. Armstrong discussed strategy and goals, most especially as they relate to patient safety. Ms. Luby & Ms. Shanley reviewed the suite of new systems, along with implementation dates, and reviewed how they enhance patient safety. Systems presented and discussed were:

- Physician Order Entry
- Anatomic Pathology System
- Radiology PACS System
- Wireless Connectivity
- eHIM Strategic Initiative
- Anesthesia Information System
- HIPAA Security Compliance
- Future Projects

There was a discussion of various IT initiatives, how they affect UConn and how they might attract community physicians to UConn.

V. Management of Environment – Mr. Dan Penney

Mr. Penney discussed preparation for the JCAHO unannounced site visit by focusing on the following key areas: safety management, security management, hazardous materials and waste management, emergency management, fire safety, medical equipment management, and utilities management. Also discussed was the annual performance improvement efforts. He reviewed two specific successful drills/events: electrical power failure and top off drill.

VI. Clinical Planning – Mr. Chris Dugger

Mr. Dugger reviewed existing UMG locations and discussed the logic for adding a new service site with the intention of protecting market share, improving referrals and growing high margin specialties. The model for basic site footprint was presented along with potential new site locations – the two top contenders being the Canton/New Hartford area and/or Bristol/Southington. The current East Hartford location will be facing a lease term decision with a possible Rentschler Field opportunity.

VII. Staff Well-being and Satisfaction for Nursing – Ms. Ellen Leone

Ms. Leone discussed and then showed a brief video clip from an upcoming CPTV special focusing on the nursing shortage with featured UCHC nurses. The special will be shown on May 9th at 9:30 pm and May 14th at 12:30 pm. She encouraged everyone to extend a thank you to nurses next week during National Nurses Week.

VIII. JDH Hospital Performance Improvement Projects Annual Report - Dr. Rhea Sanford

Dr. Sanford gave a condensed overview of the JDH Hospital Performance Improvement Projects Annual Report for the period of June 2005 through July 2006. The complete report is contained in the meeting material packet. Dr. Sanford asked for the Clinical Affairs Sub-committee approval of the report.

A motion was made and seconded (Fuller/Palmisano) to recommend that the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee approve JDH Hospital Performance Improvement Projects Annual Report June 2005 – July 2006. The motion was unanimously adopted.

IX. Clinical Enterprise Update - Dr. Steven Strongwater

a. State of the Clinical Enterprise – Dr. Steven Strongwater

Dr. Strongwater covered the following topics:

- JDH has been recognized with the 2005 Solucient 100 Top Hospitals Performance Improvement Leaders award.
- Supply Chain Management received University HealthSystem Consortium's Best Practice and Milestones award.
- University HealthSystem Consortium recognized the Rapid Response Team and has asked Kathleen Coyne to present at their fall meeting.
- The Design Team was recognized for their personal pocket medication card – a place for patients to record their medications and keep with them.
- The Baldrige teams are up and running – mission statements and plans are being reviewed.
- C4I is doing fabulous work and continues to make progress.

- The first ever “Patient School” with Jim Walters and faculty was held to teach patients how to become better and more informed regarding their own care.
- There has been a substantial reduction in agency use due to Ellen Leone and Shelley Dietz working hard to expand the permanent float pool.
- An improved nursing call bell system is underway which will pinpoint where the nurse is at any time, allow for improved response time and also reduce the need for overhead paging.
- Physician Order Entry rolls out May 2006.
- Finances, while slow the first quarter are showing improvement. The admissions target was exceeded for April.
- Five year market share grew substantially between 1998 and 2005 with additional substantial growth in the Emergency Department. Current market penetration for Farmington is at 60%.
- UMG’s performance improvement effort in the call center as resulted in a reduction in the abandoned call rate to 2% from the previous 10%.
- We are working to get a hologic digital mammography machine which has been shown to be better for younger women.
- A CON has been submitted for a 7 bed expansion in ICU. It was deemed complete and is awaiting a decision from OHCA.
- Construction on the electrophysiology lab is underway and due to open in August.
- PET CT CON received approval on April 17th. This unit is mobile and will facilitate better patient care and will be cost effective.
- Food court renovation is underway and should be finished by the end of the month.
- The MOU with corrections has been signed.
- The Under the Tent celebration which is Health Center wide is scheduled for May 16th. All are invited.

IX. Watch List Items

- Dr. Strongwater encouraged the attendees to review the items and clips in the meeting material handout.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded (Kozol/Samuels) to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Lock, Recorder