

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
420 W. 5th Avenue
Flint, MI 48503
Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting
June 25, 2020
Via ZOOM and teleconference

Board Members Present: K. McCree, *chair*, P. Alexander, T. Bankert, K. Boles, W. Cole, M. Danic, E. Ellenburg, A. Reeves

Board Members Absent: B. Clack, W. Coffell, T. Henry, J. Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 06-33-20)

McCree requested an amendment to the agenda, to allow for the introduction of new members, and an update from Bill Winiarski, Chair of the Greater Flint Mental Health Facilities Board (GFMHFB).

Boles moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the agenda with amendments.

Motion carried

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 06-34-20)

Alexander moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.

Motion carried

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. Introduction of New Board Members, Presentation by GFMHFB

McCree noted the Genesee County Board of Commissioners appointed two new members to the Board, and announced the retirement of longtime member Judy Shultz. Dr. Jennifer Johnson, a professor at the Michigan State University School of Public Health will be joining us in July. Dr. Michael Danic, Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at Ascension Genesys, introduced himself to the board and staff members present.

Bill Winiarski gave a brief overview of where we are with the new Children's Health Facility. We are on track for a 1st Quarter start of construction, and are working on land purchases. The new facility will be a two story, 60,000 square foot building, and will house our children's services programs including CFS, Autism Center, and the Neurodevelopmental Center for Excellence.

V. Consent Agenda

(Resolution 06-35-20)

Cole moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the minutes under the consent agenda.

Motion carried

VI. Finance Committee

Presented by K. McCree, Acting as Finance Committee Chair

(Resolution 06-36-20)

McCree moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

Motion carried

(Resolution 06-37-20)

McCree moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the contract Items 1 thru 5 in the Executive Summary of Contracts.

Motion carried

VII. Chair Report

K. McCree presented the July meeting calendar, and noted the meeting locations are still listed as "TBD" The Governor's order allowing for virtual meetings is in effect until July 19, 2020. McCree stated we may want to begin having at least D. Russell and L. Polmanteer present at 420 for meetings, to allow easier access for the public, while still offering Zoom/teleconferencing options once the Governor's order expires.

McCree noted the June meeting minutes for the R10 board of directors have not yet been made available for review.

McCree asked for a motion to appoint himself, T. Bankert, and W. Cole to the nominating committee. Now that we have new board appointments, it is time for an election of new officers.

(Resolution 06-38-20)

Reeves moved, Danic supported the motion to appoint K. McCree, T. Bankert, and W. Cole to the nominating committee.

Motion carried

VIII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell reported that we are continuing to transition back to office based work slowly, with 60-70 people reporting weekly to the main building. We are looking at staffing issues and examining how to bring staff and consumers back to some of our center-based programs. There may be layoffs for a brief period of time, particularly for Autism and CIC, as we work to re-open these programs safely.

Covid-19 testing continues to go well. Aside from group homes and assisted living facilities, we have offered tests at the Latinx Technology and Community Center, and at The Cries of a Woman march held in downtown Flint. We have tested over 600 individuals, and may be testing at even more sites due to the cancellation of a State of Michigan contract with a testing company.

Russell also noted that the Mott Foundation refunded the rent GHS paid to them for our offices in the Children's Health Building, due to the offices being closed because of the pandemic.

Shawn Edwards, Senior Director of Engagement, Diversity and Inclusion, presented a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis and GHS's commitment to function as an anti-racist organization.

(Resolution 06-39-20)

Reeves moved, Boles supported the motion to adopt the Resolution to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis and Commitment to Function as an Anti-Racist Organization.

Motion carried

Russell stated we have finally made the payment from Genesee County to Region 10, and have received documentation from the State that they accept the settlement and consider it paid in full. R10 continues to fuss because the payment may cause issues with their audit, but we are satisfied that this matter is closed.

Finally, Russell noted that we are still looking at a millage proposal for the November ballot. The deadline to file language is August 11th, and we are looking to get a date to get on the Genesee County Commission's calendar in July.

IX. Other Business
None

X. Public Participation
None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant