



Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board Meeting  
MEETING MINUTES

601 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conf Room 927  
Thursday, June 22, 2023  
1:32 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Board of Directors	Staff	Staff	Guests
<b>Present: In Person Unless Otherwise Stated</b>	Donna Lynne, Dr.PH.	Crystal Potter Rivera	Natalie Nicholson
Patricia “Pia” Dean	Bob Belknap, M.D.	Chuck Scully	Elbra Wedgeworth
Patti Klinge	Steven Federico, M.D.	Enid Wade	Gary Keilty
Jim Chavez	Michelle Fournier-Johnson	Jackie Zheleznyak	Stephanie Syner
Frank deGruy, M.D.	Amy Friedman	Lorena Zimmer	
Tom Kim	Kris Gaw	Jeremy Long, M.D.	
Kathy Nesbitt	Ansar Hassan	Katherine Marinelli	
Hollie Velasquez-Horvath Via Webex at 2:07 p.m.	Tom MacKenzie, M.D.		
Doug Friednash Via WebEx Until 2:20 p.m.	Greg McCarthy		
Eli Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN	Jacque Montgomery		
Absent:	Abraham Nussbaum, M.D.		
Danielle Shoots	Landon Palmer		
Lily Cervantes, M.D.	Read Pierce, M.D.		
	Connie Savor Price, M.D.		



Agenda Topic	Responsible Person (s)	Status/Comments
<b>I. Call to Order and Preliminary Matters</b> <b>A. Approval of May 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes</b> <b>B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement</b> <b>C. Public Comment</b>	Pia Dean	<p>Ms. Pia Dean, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Dr. Frank deGruy made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Ms. Dean requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed. No public comment was given.</p> <p>Ms. Dean recognized Gary Keilty for his service during his time as Interim Chief Compliance and Audit Officer. Dr. Lynne recognized Dr. Tom MacKenzie for his service to Denver Health and read a proclamation from Mayor Hancock, declaring July 1<sup>st</sup> as "Dr. Thomas D. MacKenzie Day", in the City and County of Denver. Ms. Dean also recognized Dr. Read Pierce, the new Chief Quality Officer, and Mr. Landon Palmer, the new Chief Compliance and Audit Officer.</p>
<b>II. Announcement: Comprehensive Care Center</b>	Donna Lynne, Dr. PH.	Dr. Donna Lynne shared that the Comprehensive Care Center is opening in the Webb Building, Pavilion G, on June 28, 2023.
<b>III. Medical Staff/Quality</b> <b>A. Medical Staff Appointments</b> <b>B. Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) Update</b>	Jeremy Long, M.D.	Dr. Jeremy Long reported 51 new applicants for appointments, 23 reappointments, 1 request for new privileges, 11 leaving the medical staff. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion to approve the proposed changes to the Medical Staff, was unanimously approved. Dr. Long shared and recognized that Dr. Young has been working hard with Ms. Enid Wade on revising and rewriting the Medical Staff Bylaws.
<b>IV. Consent Calendar</b> <b>A. Approval of Resolution to Create a Real Estate Advisory Committee</b> <b>B. Approval of Resolution to Create a Strategic Planning Advisory Committee</b> <b>C. Approval of Revised DHMP Bylaws</b>		Mr. Kim made a motion to approve the consent calendar, the motion was seconded, and the consent calendar was unanimously approved.
<b>V. New Business</b> <b>A. CEO Report</b>	Donna Lynne, Dr. PH & Leadership Team	Donna Lynne, herself or by calling on others, provided updates on key issues across the organization. Dr. Lynne shared she joined



		<p>the National Health Care CEO Council on Gun Violence Prevention &amp; Safety. Kaiser Permanente gave Denver Health a gift of \$5 Million up to an additional \$5 Million in matching funds. She also shared that the gun buyback event held on June 10th was highly successful. Ms. Elbra Wedgeworth shared highlights of the projects she worked on during her time as a Special Consultant to Dr. Lynne. Ms. Wedgeworth participated in many discussions with stakeholders and city officials, along with members of the Government Relations Team at Denver Health. Ms. Kris Gaw reported that Newsweek named Denver Health as one of 159 “five-ribbon” hospitals to receive the recognition of “America’s Best Maternity Hospitals”, a response to a survey based on quality, reputation, and patient scores. The Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit launched the Level 3 Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management service, which serves some of the most vulnerable teens in our community. Dr. Connie Savor Price reported on out-of-service area uncompensated care and advised that we have reduced the number off uncompensated visits by 75%. She also reported that we are seeing a decrease in trauma volumes for the year. The COVID-19 Vaccine mandate has been lifted so the vaccine is no longer required for DH employees, and CMS has also lifted the vaccine mandate previously issued for healthcare workers. Ms. Natalie Nicholson filled in for Dr. Kathy Boyle, and reported the traveling nurse expenses have significantly decreased compared to last year due to reducing numbers of traveling nurses and the rates at which they are being hired. Dr. Tom MacKenzie shared that the Joint Commission found no deficiencies on the re-survey. He also shared that Denver Health’s Target Zero Initiative saw a substantial and sustained reduction in patient falls that result in injuries. Dr. Abraham Nussbaum filled in for Dr. Romana Hasnain-Wynia and shared that the Research Strategic Plan is in progress with stakeholder information being collected and analyzed. Denver Health is 1 of 8 health systems selected to participate in an</p>
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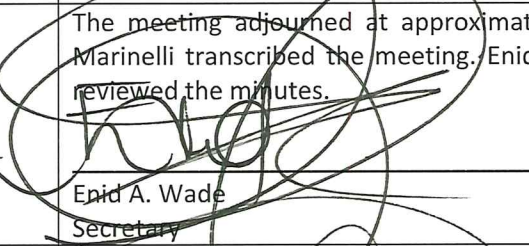
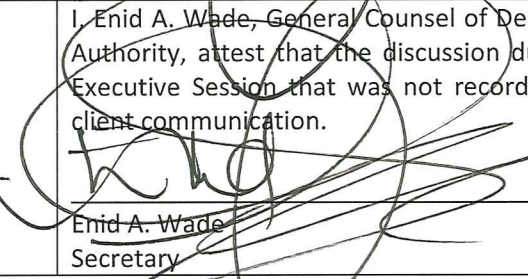
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<b>C. DCHS</b>	Patti Klinge	<p>Sharp gave a presentation to the committee on the annual review of Environment of Care. Dr. Ann Boyer also gave a presentation on Epic and Informatics.</p> <p>Ms. Patti Klinge reported that the committee continued discussions on workforce development including partnering with MA programs in the area; one program is Radiology Medical Assistant Partnership, which is funded by Community College of Denver, and is putting 5 Denver Health Medical Assistants through this program.</p>
<b>D. Human Resources Committee</b>	Patti Klinge	<p>Ms. Klinge shared that the committee saw a presentation on Workforce Development Center from Erin Howard. There was also an update on market adjustments for Clinical Assistant Personnel, benefits assessment recommendations, and a pilot program called Tuition IO.</p>
<b>E. Research and Education Committee</b>	Eli Provencio-Vasquez, Ph.D, RN	<p>No report was given.</p>
<b>F. Nominating and Governance Committee</b>	Pia Dean	<p>Ms. Dean shared that each of the board members received a number of revised and proposed documents ahead of the July meeting, which will be voted on in July. Documents include proposed attendance policy, board member committee assignments, proposed and revised committee charters, annual committee reports, board competency matrix, and the board self-assessment.</p>
<b>G. Chair's Report</b>	Pia Dean	<p>Ms. Dean thanked everyone for their participation in the Board Offsite Meeting. She also reminded everyone about the reception after the board meeting, to honor Dr. Tom MacKenzie.</p>
<b>VII. Executive Session</b>		
<b>A. Tax Initiative Presentation</b>		<p>Ms. Klinge made a motion at 3:55 p.m. to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402 (4), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g), which allow for review and discussion of legal advice on</p>
<b>B. CEO Updates-Deliberative Matter</b>		



<b>C. HR/Personnel Matters</b> <b>D. Next Steps After Offsite</b> <b>E. Legal Advice</b> -Legislative Guidance -Governmental Activity <b>F. Board Self-Assessment</b> <b>G. Board Only Deliberation</b>		regulatory, legal, and compliance matters, and on pending, threatened, or imminent litigation and settlements; to deliberate and discuss personnel and peer review matters; and matters confidential under HIPAA, and matters confidential under other laws, and positions and strategy for negotiation; and under the deliberative process privilege pursuant to common law and C.R.S. section 24-72-204 (3) (a), (4), and (13). Mr. Jim Chavez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 5:15 p.m.
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	Pia Dean	The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m. Katherine Marinelli transcribed the meeting. Enid A. Wade and Pia Dean reviewed the minutes.   Enid A. Wade Secretary
		I, Enid A. Wade, General Counsel of Denver Health and Hospital Authority, attest that the discussion during any portion of the Executive Session that was not recorded, concerned attorney-client communication.   Enid A. Wade Secretary