

Minutes of the University Health Care Committee
University of Kentucky Board of Trustees
Thursday, April 28, 2022

The University Health Care Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on April 28, 2022, in the Harris Ballroom of the Gatton Student Center.

A. Meeting Opened

E. Britt Brockman, chair of the University Health Care Committee (Committee), called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call

The following members of the University Health Care Committee were in attendance: E. Britt Brockman, Ray Daniels, Ron Geoghegan, David Melanson and Hollie Swanson; Community Advisory members Jennifer Barber and Luther Deaton; Community Advisory members Josh Proffitt and Kevin Sowers attended the meeting via Zoom.

C. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman stated that the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting had been distributed and asked for a motion. Trustee Melanson moved approval, and Trustee Geoghegan seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. (See meeting minutes on the Board of Trustees website, www.uky.edu/Trustees, under "Agenda".)

D. Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Report

Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Mark F. Newman, MD, advised the Committee that a copy of the UK HealthCare (UKHC) 2021 Annual Report had been distributed for their review.

Dr. Newman welcomed two new physician leaders to the UKHC team. Darwin L. Conwell, MD and Zaki-Udin Hassan, MBBS, briefly spoke to the Committee about their background and vision for their new roles.

Dr. Newman reviewed an updated timeline for the UKHC 60th Anniversary Celebration. He discussed events to celebrate and engage faculty and staff throughout the summer and fall of 2022.

Dr. Newman highlighted key legislation to support a new lung cancer screening program in Kentucky and an additional \$20 million in funding for the Markey Cancer Center. Dr. Newman stated the funds are contingent upon the Markey Cancer Center receiving a Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institute of Health (NIH). Additionally, Dr. Newman discussed a new bill addressing Kentucky's nursing shortage. He noted that the bill removes enrollment caps for fully accredited nursing programs such as the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

E. Markey Cancer Center (Markey) Update

Markey Cancer Center Director B. Mark Evers, MD provided the Committee with an update on the challenges Kentucky faces in its fight against cancer, Markey's road to an NCI designation and accomplishments after the designation was received.

Dr. Evers discussed Kentucky's high cancer rates and that many NCI-designated facilities are on the west coast or in higher populated areas. He stated that UKHC was fortunate to receive its designation and was successfully granted another five-year approval in July 2018. Dr. Evers reviewed Markey's application for NCI Comprehensive Status and what it means to Kentucky. He stated that UKHC treats approximately 50% of all new cancer cases in Kentucky and Markey treated patients from all 120 counties in 2020. Dr. Evers remarked that over the last 10 years Markey had seen a 34% increase in market share and a 68% increase in outpatient visits. He reiterated that the goal is to provide world-class care for Kentuckians at home. Dr. Evers highlighted recent key recruits and programs.

Trustee Swanson inquired about UKHC's plan to spend the potential \$20 million in funding from the state and Markey's efforts to address health equity issues. Dr. Evers responded that \$5 million will go to Markey's precision medicine center and the additional \$15 million will be earmarked for prevention and screening. Also, in response to Trustee Swanson's question, he discussed church-based programs in African American communities to provide cancer prevention screening and education to address health equity issues. Dr. Evers remarked that the Markey Strong Program mentors and educates underrepresented minorities.

F. Medicaid Ambulatory Quality Update

Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory and Chair, Family and Community Medicine Roberto Cardarelli, DO updated the Board on Medicaid Ambulatory Quality measures. Dr. Cardarelli presented UKHC's performance on measures to meet quality targets for Medicaid Directed Payments. He stated that UKHC currently meets nine of 14 thresholds but only needs five to meet the required target for payment.

G. FYTD22 February Operational and Financial Update

Chief Physician Executive Jay S. Grider, DO, presented UKHC's key performance indicators for FYTD22 February. Dr. Grider stated total discharges were 300 under budget but 157 more than last year. He added that pediatric discharges were 35 over budget and 90 greater than last year. Dr. Grider reported that due to the recent COVID-19 surge, the average length of stay was significantly higher than budget and last year.

Chief Financial Officer Craig Collins presented the financial report for February. Dr. Blonder inquired about COVID-19 Relief Funds. Mr. Collins responded that UKHC received approximately \$30 million from the federal government to offset lost revenue from patients.

Chief Operations Officer Peter N. Gilbert discussed margin improvement initiatives targeted and presented to the Board in February. Mr. Gilbert reported that \$50 million of the target has already been captured through labor rate improvements, UKHC's return to expected pre-COVID-19 volumes and expected surgical volumes. He stated that efforts continue to hit the additional targets.

H. Privileges and Appointments

Chief Physician Executive Jay Grider, DO, presented the list of credentials for approval presented by the UKHC Medical Staff. Chair Brockman called for a motion to approve the list of providers. Trustee Swanson moved to approve the list. Trustee Geoghegan seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

I. Other Business and Adjournment

Chair Brockman called for new or other business that needed to be brought before the University Health Care Committee or questions for the presenters. Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Bays Donald
University Health Care Committee Secretary