Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital Board of Trustees

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**Date:**. April 5, 2023

Attendees: Jack Ross, Alexizendria Link, Nancy Muszynski, Judy Kohn, Bob Bureau, Elaine Valk,

Others in attendance: Luke Knowles, prospective Trustee; Kathy Wenzel, CEO; Colleen Motta, Assistant COO for Compliance; Maddy Grogan, Recorder

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Assignment/Task** | **Point Person** | **Notes** |
| Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes | The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of February 16, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. | The meeting minutes of February 16, 2023, were approved. | Maddy Grogan |  |
| Introduction of Colleen Motta, Assistant COO for Operations | CEO Kathy Wenzel introduced Coleen Motta, Assistant COO for Compliance and noted that Colleen’s primary role is Joint Commission and CMS compliance. Colleen was previously the Director of Social Work and has been with WRCH since 2006. | Informational |  |  |
| Tour of WRCH | Trustees toured parts of the hospital. It was noted that NFI children’s program is no longer housed at WRCH as they moved to a different building in Westboro. The UMass Adolescent Continuing Care Units E1 and E2 remain. Related discussion and suggestions:  Book donations for the library would be helpful, especially more diverse, and updated material.  Suggestion made to have a lending library for iPad, work with Worcester Library to get lending cards.  Suggested more art and cultural diversity throughout the hospital, in the chapel, etc. It was noted that each unit is decorated with wall decals, artwork, diversity posters, etc. The chapel has been used as a testing site. |  |  |  |
| COVID Update | There are currently no positive cases to report. WRCH continues to work to mitigate any spread. |  |  |  |
| COO Update | Kathy Wenzel, CEO gave an update:  Initiatives around diversity and inclusion are ongoing, including training on racial trauma; Human in common training that deals with racial bias, micro aggression, sustaining efforts; creating more diverse food options. Discussed obtaining contracts for diverse, small business, women owned business, etc. -having to work with state contracts does limit the options but Kathy and Zena can collaborate on how business can get onto a state contract/master service agreement.  Rehab will be increasing the number of community groups being offered to patients.  Ideas for trustee involvement include becoming members of the canteen committee and human rights committee. |  |  |  |
| Membership | Jack Ross introduced Luke Knowles. Luke is interested in serving on the board and elaborated on his background and why he is interested in becoming a board member. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recommend his appointment. Kathy Wenzel will follow up. |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 4:30. |  |  |  |