

Meeting Minutes  
UNM Health Sciences Center Committee  
March 5, 2019

UNM Health Sciences Center Committee (the “HSCC”) members present:

Marron Lee  
Doug Brown

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Regent Lee called the meeting of the HSC Committee to order at 8:34 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Following a change to the agenda moving the Chancellor’s Report after the Health Systems Report, a motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 05, 2019 HSC Committee meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0.

HSC Financial Update

Ms. Ava Lovell presented the HSC monthly financial report through January 31, including information on net margin, budget, I&G, Research, Public Service, and Clinical Operations.

There was discussion about modifying the current format of the HSC Financial Report. Ms. Lovell indicated she would be happy to work with the Regents on their preferred formatting.

UNM Health System Update

Dr. Mike Richards provided the Health System update with information on Quality and Safety scores, Activity Levels, Finances, Total Net Margin, and Balance Sheet, and Leading to Excellence and Huron initiatives.

Discussion included the difference in classification between admission and observation stays, and operational improvements that account for a 1% total operating revenues increase over last month, and a 3% increase in budgeted deliveries at UNMH.

## Comments from Regents

Regent Brown inquired if the workforce capacity is on track to meet the demands of increased needs due to the growing aging population in the state. Dr. Richards expressed the difficulties in finding physicians, especially in certain specialties, although generally speaking, UNM has success in recruitment and designs its training programs to grow their own specialists. In some cases, the demographics of the state and volume of patients (or lack thereof) can make it hard to recruit and retain specialists, such as in the case of pediatric heart surgeons. Dr. Roth added that Dr. Larson heads up an initiative to track progress in the New Mexico healthcare provider workforce and presents to the legislature annually with recommendations. He also noted the BA/MD program at UNM that trains students in the state, particularly from underserved areas, with the intention of returning to these areas as physicians, and other expanding areas, such as in the College of Nursing and the Physician Assistant program. He also noted the Locum Tenens program to relieve rural healthcare providers, and Project ECHO as a response to rural needs in the state.

## Chancellor's Administrative Report

Dr. Roth distributed the bio of Dr. Tracie Collins, MD, MPH, MHCDS, recently named Dean of the College of Population Health, beginning in July.

He also announced distributed articles from Albuquerque Magazine recognizing 19 UNM HSC doctors as "Top Docs" in their March 2019 edition.

Lastly, he noted that the College of Pharmacy had opened a Substance Use and Research Education (SURE) Center and reiterated the HSC priorities: 1) Healthy Aging; 2) Child Wellbeing; 3) Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder.

## Public Comment

Christine Glidden, Vice Chair for the Hospital Board of Trustees spoke. She welcomed Regent Brown and Regent Schwartz and congratulated them on their appointments to the Board of Regents and HSC Committee. She offered to arrange hospital tours and invited them to the March 29 Trustee meeting. She commented on Dr. Richard's report and increasing efficiencies at the hospital, a long-term, massive effort by several individuals at UNMH, including Dr. Agostino. She offered her services at any time in the future.

## Action Items

Bonnie White presented one action item for approval:

1. Repair, Renew, Replace Capital Project – UH Main – Emergency Generator #2 (\$912,000.00)

A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0.

Information Items

Ava Lovell presented information regarding HSC Budget planning, including the HSC budget recommendation flow and assumptions and challenges for the academic enterprise and health system. She also discussed library and technology student fees.

Carolyn Montoya made a presentation regarding an upcoming one-day conference at the College of Nursing that simulated the circumstances of poverty in order to give students, faculty and other healthcare providers first-hand experience, cultivating understanding and empathy toward patients who may be experiencing similar circumstances. Discussion included expansion of the conference for students in other professional fields.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

  
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Robert Schwartz, Chair, HSC Committee

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