## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE NUHEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MAY 7, 2014

**Directors Present** 

\*Michael B. Mirotznik, Esq., Chair

\*Steven Cohn, Esq. Vincent A. Gallo, MD

\*Linda Reed

Asif M. Rehman, MD

Andrew Zucaro

\*Warren D. Zysman, LCSW

Not Present

Jemma Marie-Hanson, RN

\*Greg-Patric Martello, Esq.

\*John T. McCann, PhD

David J. Sussman, MD

\*John A. Venditto, MD

\*Executive Committee Members

Non-Voting Directors Present

Victor F. Politi, MD, FACP, FACEP

Krishan Kumar, MD

Frank J. Saracino, EdD

Hospital Administration

John Ciotti, EVP General Counsel

Robert S. Heatley, EVP, Business Development and

Ambulatory Services

John Maher, EVP CFO

Maureen Roarty, EVP, Human Resources

Kathy Skarka, RN, EVP, Patient Care Services

Steven J. Walerstein, MD, FACP, EVP, Medical Affairs

Craig V. Rizzo, SVP, Special Assistant to NHCC/Legal

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Harold McDonald, SVP, Deputy Executive Director

and SVP for Administration

Joan A. Soffel, Assistant to the Board/CEO

- 1. Michael B. Mirotznik, Chair, Board of Directors of the Nassau Health Care Corporation, noted that a quorum was not present. The meeting was opened at 5:35 p.m.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes. The minutes of April 7, 2014 will be addressed in Executive Committee.
- 3. Report of the Chairman. Mr. Mirotznik noted that Mr. Cohn would be arriving soon. In the meantime he asked for a report from the President/CEO.
- 4. Report of the President/CEO. Dr. Politi thanked everyone for attending. He noted that the last contract meeting was quite the meeting and those contracts would be discussed in Executive Committee.

Dr. Politi introduced Harold McDonald, whose contract was approved by the full Board at their last meeting on April 7, 2014. Mr. McDonald has many years of experience in nursing homes in Queens and as COO of Wykoff Hospital and Kingsbrook Hospital. Mr. McDonald will be assuming the role of overseeing the administrative departments and capital budget (many of the roles that Mr. Slatky held). The other roles have been carved out to Mr. Rizzo—contracts, NOPAs, labor, pharmacy, construction and procurement.

The financials will be discussed by Mr. Maher. We are still struggling, but the good news is April admissions are above budget for the month with an average of 59 (budgeted for 56). We are back on the rebound after February that was the worse month. Admissions and revenue cycle personnel are working to keep those numbers up. We are in a great position as a safety net hospital and hopefully the State will award some DSRIP funding through the Medicaid Waiver fund (\$6.9 billion is available throughout the State) that could help the hospital transition from admitting patients to the hospital to an outpatient population based medical care provider. NuHealth has the medallion with the FQHC's that are providing great services. We are expanding our hours including weekends, behavioral health services as well as a recently opening a dental clinic in Roosevelt.

NuHealth achieved an "A" score in hospital safety from the Leapfrog Group, one of six hospitals in Nassau County. Dr. Politi thanked the nursing staff for all of their hard work and noted that this

past week was "Nurses Week" and administration celebrated with breakfasts and lunches for our

Dr. Politi announced that our resident falcons recently hatched two new falcons. The Environmental Agency was here to band them, but the fledglings are still too young, so the banding will take place next week. Ms. Lotenberg noted that over the years, NuHealth has chaperoned in sixty-six Peregrine Falcons.

- 5. <u>Executive Committee</u>. Upon a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously adopted, the Board of Directors moved into Executive Committee to conduct business. See attached Executive Committee minutes.
- 6. <u>Public session</u>. Mr. Mirotznik opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments from the public.
- 7. Close of Regular Meeting. Michael B. Mirotznik, Chair, closed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 8. The next meeting will be announced.

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Michael B. Mirotznik, Esq., Chair

Board of Directors