

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE NUHEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2014

Directors Present

*Craig Vincent Rizzo, Esq., Chair
*Steven Cohn, Esq.
Vincent A. Gallo, MD
*Greg-Patric Martello, Esq.
David J. Sussman, MD
*John A. Venditto, MD
Andrew Zucaro
Warren D. Zysman, LCSW

Not Present

Jemma Marie-Hanson, RN
Krishan Kumar, MD
Frank J. Saracino, EdD
*John T. McCann, PhD
*Linda Reed
Asif M. Rehman, MD

Non-Voting Directors Present

Victor F. Politi, MD, FACP, FACEP

Hospital Administration

John Ciotti, EVP General Counsel
John Maher, EVP CFO
Robert S. Heatley, EVP, Business Development and Ambulatory Services
Maureen Roarty, EVP, Human Resources
Kathy Skarka, RN, EVP, Patient Care Services
Joan A. Soffel, Assistant to the Board/CEO

*Executive Committee Members

1. Craig Vincent Rizzo, Chair, Board of Directors of the Nassau Health Care Corporation, noted that a quorum was present. The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Minutes.** The minutes of January 29, 2014 were approved.
3. **Report of the Chairman.** Mr. Rizzo reported that NuHealth has new President and CEO, Dr. Victor F. Politi, MD, FACP, FACEP. Dr. Politi has been practically sleeping at the medical center since he started. The Board, at their meeting of January 29, 2014, unanimously approved Dr. Politi's appointment and Mr. Rizzo reviewed his stellar credentials and CV. Dr. Politi was Deputy County Executive for Public Safety, Acting Police Commissioner, Medical Director at St. John's University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health, an attending physician here at NUMC, Police Surgeon, Executive at Cornerstone Medical Arts Center, President of Medical Staff, and Director of St. John's Queens. He has a very varied background and is familiar with NUMC medical staff, government and administration. Dr. Politi has taken on a tremendous job and is conducting meeting after meeting to move forward with this institution's progress. Dr. Politi has been meeting on DSRIP to bring in millions of dollars and he is working with Ms. Tabai on construction plans for the primary care space and FQHC.
4. **Report of the President/CEO.** Dr. Politi thanked everyone on the Board for giving him this opportunity as President/CEO. Dr. Politi said that NUMC has a place in Nassau County in health care that is not being filled by any other institution. NuHealth is the safety net hospital providing care to the underserved and needy population that other hospitals do not want based on payment and financial responsibility. We are here with open arms and those patients will receive the finest care that our doctors and nurses provide. Physicians here are board certified, with the highest credentials and are better than any other physicians in hospitals in Nassau County. Dr. Politi said that he expects nothing but the best from our healthcare providers. Dr. Politi has also met with housekeeping, dietary and laundry. They are all working hard keeping this institution clean and healthy. Going forward we will work on receiving the DSRIP funds over the next five years by cutting patient admissions and implement initiatives to sustain this institution after the DSRIP funding is over. We are expanding ambulatory care services and redesigning the first floor. Planning continues with the outside ambulatory centers including the FQHC and NMA for continued growth. PM&R and NMA are bringing in patients from other institutions for care. Dr. Politi noted that NUMC has unbelievable resources: Rehab, burn center, hyperbaric chamber

with services second to none—this is a jewel in East Meadow. Going forward we will continue improving the revenue cycle, negotiating managed care contracts and working on the collaboration with North Shore and/or South Nassau. We will build business lines and work with any hospital or organization that is doing the right things for the patients and that NUMC can benefit from financially. We will expand while maintaining our own identity and maintaining the Board of Directors and medical staff. Dr. Politi thanked the Board for the trust that they placed in him and he will under God's eye fulfill that job. Dr. Politi introduced his Executive Assistant, Andrea Rivera, who will be working with him along with Joan Soffel.

5. **Report of the Medical and Professional Affairs Committee and Medical Director.** Dr. Walerstein reported that the committee met on February 24, 2014 and credentialed a group of professionals. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014. **Upon a motion, duly seconded and unanimously approved the Board of Directors accepted the Medical and Professional Affairs Committee minutes of January 27, 2014.**
6. **Report of the Finance Committee.** None
7. **Report of the Contract Committee.** Mr. Rizzo reported that the committee met on February 26, 2014 and reviewed various contracts. There was also an employment contract for Dr. Politi that will be discussed in Executive Session. The contract was discussed in the Contracts Committee and recommended for approval, and the Full Board will be briefed. Mr. Rizzo asked that the Board approve the contracts that were discussed at the February 26, 2014 meeting and as attached to these minutes. **Upon a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Board of Directors adopted the Resolution Approving Contract Committee Recommendations, dated February 26, 2014 as set forth in the attached (except Dr. Politi's contract that will be discussed in Executive Session). Master Resolution M-038- 2014.**
8. **Other Business.** Mr. Rizzo reminded Board members to return their Board requirement information packets to Ms. Karen Leslie as soon as possible. Mr. Maher noted that Finance is required to submit a Medicaid Provider Change Form and it requires certain information from the Board members.
9. **Adjournment.** Upon a motion, duly made and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss governance, performance improvement, collective bargaining, personnel matters, contract negotiations or litigation.
10. **Report from Executive Committee.** Upon return to Public Session, the Chairman reported the following. The Board members received a copy of the Employment Agreement with Dr. Victor F. Politi in their Board packets and discussed the agreement in detail. **Upon a motion made by Dr. Sussman, duly seconded by Mr. Zysman and unanimously approved the Board of Directors adopted the Employment Agreement with Dr. Victor F. Politi effective February 8, 2014. Resolution No. 012- 2014**
11. **Public session.** Mr. Rizzo opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments from the public.
12. **Close of Regular Meeting.** Craig Vincent Rizzo, Chair, closed the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
13. The next meeting will be announced.

Approved:


Craig Vincent Rizzo, Chair
Board of Directors