## Louisiana Cancer Research Center Board of Directors Meeting A Hybrid Meeting was held. On March 30, 3pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were in attendance:

Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President & Dean-School of Medicine, TUHSC, Chairman

Dr. Richard DiCarlo, Interim Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development

Dr. Gene D'Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University

Mr. Walter Leger, Jr, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors

Mr. Darren Mire, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office

Dr. Brian Moore, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute

Ms. Pamela Ryan

Dr. Oliver Sartor, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology

Ms. Carroll Suggs

The following members of the Board of Directors were not present:

Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development

Dr. Valentine Nfonsam, Department Head for Surgery -School of Medicine, LSUHSC

## Also present were:

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director & Chief Executive Officer, LCRC

Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC

Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC

Dr. Stefan Grant, Deputy Director, LCRC/ Chief of Hematology & Medical Oncology, TUHSC

Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Legal Counsel, LCRC

Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC

Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Cancer Center

Dr. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center

Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner Health

Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University

Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, TUHSC

Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University

Ms. Keadren Green, Business Manager, Tulane Cancer Center

Ms. Barbara Landrum, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center

Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute

Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living

**Dr. Hamm** informed the Board **Dr. Sartor** has resigned, and this is his last Board Meeting. The Board of Directors thanked **Dr. Sartor** for his contributions to the LCRC over the years. Many of the Board members and guests expressed their appreciation for **Dr. Sartor** and wished him well.

**Dr. Hamm** nominated **Dr. Patrice Delafontaine** to serve as a member of the LCRC Board of Directors, as Tulane's representative to fill the position vacated by Dr. Oliver Sartor.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, Dr. Patrice Delafontaine was elected to the LCRC Board of Directors

Dr. Hamm requested approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Ms. Goodson** RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Board meeting.

Dr. Hamm called for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Reeder reported materials were distributed for the Board's review and questions. She noted a presentation will not be made because there were minor changes to the last report.

Dr. Hamm called for the NCORP Presentation.

Drs. Ochoa and Cole gave a presentation on the Gulf South Clinical Trials Network, also known as the NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). This is a grant funded by the National Cancer Institute, which brings clinical trials to patients in their communities. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Dr. Hamm called for the Director/CEO Presentation.

Dr. Ramos introduced the new members of LCRC's team, Stefan Grant, MD, and Natalie Black. Dr. Grant has been appointed as LCRC's Deputy Director. Dr. Grant also serves as Chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology for the Tulane School of Medicine, and Deputy Director of the Tulane Cancer Center. Dr. Grant comes from the Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center. Natalie Black was hired as the Projects and Special Events Manager for LCRC. Natalie previously worked at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Ramos also reported on the following:

- The LCRC budget guidelines have been updated to be consistent with the recently updated bylaws. The updated guidelines were distributed with the Board materials.
- LCRC is launching its first summer student undergraduate research program which will begin this summer
  in June. Nine students will participate this summer.
- Dr. Ramos highlighted Dr. Jill Biden's visit to LCRC on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- LCRC program co-leaders have been selected. A program launch meeting will be scheduled soon.
- The LCRC's Scientific Retreat which will restart after a break due to Covid-19. This year's retreat will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Xavier University
- The newly formed External Advisory Committee (EAC) will come to LCRC for a brief visit on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Board Members are asked to reserve time on that day to participate in the visit.

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With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson