

Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 29th, 2pm  
The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at  
Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
1700 Tulane Avenue  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

**Dr. Lee Hamm**, Senior Vice President and Dean, TUHSC, Vice Chairman  
**Ms. Barbara Goodson**, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Dr. Gene D'Amour**, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University  
**Mr. Terrence Ginn**, Deputy Commissioner for Finance & Administration, BOR  
**Mr. Walter Leger, Jr.**, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors  
**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:

**Dr. Larry Hollier**, Chancellor, LSUHSC, Chairman  
**Mr. Arthur Cooper**, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development  
**Dr. Lucio Miele**, Dept Head, Genetics, Director for Inter-Institutional Programs, Cancer Center, LSUHSC  
**Dr. Leonardo Seoane**, Senior Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health System

Also present were:

Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC  
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC  
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, LCRC Legal Council  
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Cancer Center  
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University  
Dr. John Cole, Chairman, Hematology/Oncology, Ochsner Health Systems  
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University  
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC  
Ms. Tonia Moore, Director, TFL  
Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean, LSUHSC School of Medicine  
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, TUHSC  
Ms. Keeanya Chenier, CFO, LPHI  
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, TCI  
Ms. Genevieve Gorman, Project Manager LSUHSC  
Dr. Deborah Wing, Korn Ferry, Senior Client Partner

**Dr. Hamm** called the meeting to order. The roll was called and there was a quorum.

**Dr. Hamm** requested approval of the minutes from the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.  
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Reeder reported a resolution is needed to approve the implementation of LCRC's Premium Only Plan (POP, Section 125). The Federal Government requires employers with employees who prefer pretax payroll reductions to

pay for health and related insurance, to have a Premium Only Plan (POP, Section 125) approved on file. This is renewable annually and there are no changes this year.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Dr. D'Amour**.  
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve implementation of LCRC's Premium Only Plan.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the CAO Report.

Mr. Davisson reported LCRC has hired Dr. Melyssa Bratton as a new Assistant Director for the Biospecimen Core. Background information was provided on Dr. Bratton.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the Cessation Report.

Ms. Moore gave an update on youth tobacco data from across the state. She included a report on youth vaping. She reported the TFL program was featured on Louisiana Public Broadcasting on a show titled "Vaping in Louisiana", which aired on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Moore announced that LPHI will be the recipient of a \$1M grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to reduce tobacco use amongst African Americans in rural communities. Mr. Davisson said Dr. Celestin was also interviewed on WWL Radio regarding vaping-related illnesses. There was some discussion on how to educate the legislature on vaping and the taxation and regulations of other states. Ms. Moore will present more information at the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Hamm** and seconded by **Dr. Sartor**.  
RESOLVED, with all in favor, for Ms. Moore to report back to the Board with more information about the health hazards and risks of vaping and what other states are doing in terms of regulation and taxation.

**Dr. Hamm** called for any new business. There was none.

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Mr. Davisson said the Search Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. He then introduced Dr. Deborah Wing from Korn Ferry. She reported the Search Committee reviewed the process for the executive search and the responsibilities of the committee. Dr. Wing said the position specification is ready to be issued to members of the Search Committee to get their edits. Responses are due back within 48 hours. She added by the close of business on Friday the advertisement should be ready to be published. **Dr. Hamm** asked that she share the position specification with the full Board. Dr. Wing briefly went through steps for the search process. She said the timeline for the search is expected to be about 6-8 weeks and expects to meet with the Search Committee to discuss next steps on the day of the March Board meeting.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson