

MINUTES

NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

North Broward Hospital District Board Of Commissioners
1700 Northwest 49th Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, 33309

LEGAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 4:36 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- √ Commissioner Andrew M. Klein, Chair
- √ Commissioner Christopher T. Ure
- √ Commissioner Ray T. Berry
- √ Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire
- √ Commissioner Stacy L. Angier
- √ Commissioner Marie C. Waugh (via phone conference)

PRESENT Gino Santorio/President/CEO, Alan Goldsmith/Acting CAO, Alex Fernandez/Acting CFO, Gabe Imperato/Interim General Counsel, Nigel Crooks/Chief Internal Auditor

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes, dated September 26, 2018
2. Approval of Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes, dated October 30, 2018

Commissioner Klein tabled the September 26th and October 30th minutes to allow time for additional review.

3. Approval of Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes, dated November 26, 2018

MOTION It was *moved* by Commissioner Gregoire, *seconded* by Commissioner Berry, to:

**APPROVE THE LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MEETING MINUTES,
DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

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TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

4. 2019 Board Attendance for Broward Days and Hospital Days – Diana Arteaga.

Ms. Arteaga shared detail on the upcoming events that included:

- Broward Days- scheduled to take place March 12-13th in Tallahassee. This event addresses the key legislative issues in Broward County relating to Medicaid and other policies. Generally, Local Business owners, legislators and community leaders attend.
- SafetyNet Hospital Days- scheduled to take place April 8-9th in Tallahassee.

5. Process and Guidelines for Retention of Outside Counsel – Gabriel Imperato, Esq.
 - a. Legal Services for Litigation, Administrative Proceedings and Similar Matters
 - b. Legal Services for Administrative Matters, Non-litigation Matters, Non-litigation Risk Management Matters, and/or Similar Matters.

Mr. Imperato reported his firm was drafting a proposal that would include additions to the current Broward Health policy.

6. Ongoing Review of Current Outside Counsel Matters – Gabriel Imperato, Esq.

Mr. Imperato reported on the negotiation of outstanding invoices from Outside Counsel firms.

Note: Commissioner Ure excused himself from the meeting, however a quorum was maintained.

7. Review of Organization Legal Staff and Additional Attorney and Paralegal Staffing – Gabriel Imperato, Esq.

Mr. Imperato reported on shortage of staff in the Legal Department.

8. Insurance Coverage Update for Legal Costs – Gabriel Imperato, Esq.

Mr. Imperato reported that the former insurance provider, AIG, was not provided sufficient notice of particular cases in order to obtain insurance coverage for legal fees.

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9. Budget for Interim General Counsel and Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel Legal Services – Gabriel Imperato, Esq.

Mr. Imperato reported his firm was in the process of drafting a proposed budget for General Counsel, including in-house operations, in order to determine what would need to be filtered to outside counsel. Discussion ensued regarding the legal department's fiscal year budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:30 PM

MOTION It was *moved* by Commissioner Berry, *seconded* by Commissioner Angier, to:

ADJOURN THE LEGAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion *carried* unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Ray T. Berry
Secretary / Treasurer