

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Was held virtually via Zoom
On May 28th, 2pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor, LSUHSC, Chairman
Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President and Dean, TUHSC, 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
Dr. Lucio Miele, Dept Head, Genetics, Director for Inter-Institutional Programs, Cancer Center, LSUHSC
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Dr. Oliver Sartor, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology
Dr. Leonardo Seoane, Senior Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health System
Ms. Carroll Suggs

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

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance & Administration, BOR

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. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center
Dr. John Cole, Chairman, Hematology/Oncology, Ochsner Health Systems
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University
Mr. Richard Granen, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, Tulane University School of Medicine
Ms. Tonia Moore, Director, Tobacco Free Living
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Louisiana Tobacco Control Initiative
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute
Mr. Sal Peraino, Associate Director, Business and Finance, Louisiana Public Health Institute
Ms. Ellen Palmintier, Director of Government & Community Relations, Tulane University

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

Dr. Hollier requested approval of the minutes from the February 27th Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Hamm** and seconded by **Ms. Goodson**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 27th Board meeting.

Dr. Hollier called for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Reeder went over the Budget to Actuals summary, which was included in the packets. She added collections on the Tobacco Tax are behind about 8% compared to last year. Ms. Reeder distributed a copy of what is in the HB105 - the Operating Bill. She added LCRC started at a 13% decrease and about 8% was restored. If the legislature accepts the current revenue estimate from the REC, there will still be a decrease going in to the next budget year of 5.24% or a total of \$624K; \$371K for the Research component and \$253K for the Cessation component. Ms.

Reeder said that a recommendation on how to allocate the budget can usually be made at this point but the recommendation will be delayed this year due to the delay in passage of a state budget. She said that the FY20 trends are showing it is highly unlikely the \$371K will be able to be absorbed. The Board will be presented the numbers when they are close to being finalized, along with options and then the Board can decide how to proceed. **Ms. Goodson** added those numbers are just the Tobacco Tax, it doesn't include all LCRC funding sources.

Dr. Hollier called for the CAO update.

Mr. Davisson reported that the majority of LCRC staff is back working on site, since phase one of the reopening. He said that the LCRC building stayed open, with limited staff on site, for researchers following their own institutional policies. There have been no reported cases of Covid-19 in the building to date. Mr. Davisson reported he has been working closely with Mary Mouton to put a focus on keeping LCRC social media presence. He added LCRC is participating in GiveNOLA day, which was moved to June 2nd.

Dr. Hollier called for the TFL Report.

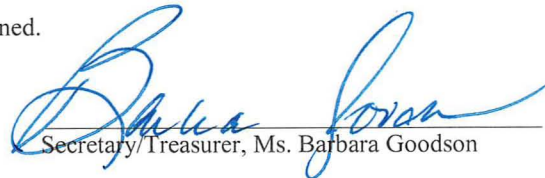
Ms. Moore discussed some of the ways TFL has been working to rebrand themselves from a virtual standpoint. The handouts and information were distributed in the Board packets. In addition, TFL CEO, Shelina Davis, was appointed to the Governor's Health Equity Task Force. Ms. Moore stated this year is the 5th year anniversary of smoke-free New Orleans. Due to the circumstances, TFL turned that from a celebration into recognition. She added two days ago Shreveport introduced a smoke free ordinance. It did not include gaming, it included bars only. TFL is working with their statewide coalition to make sure that the ordinance will be comprehensive.

Dr. Hollier called for any new business. There was none.

Board Members had a discussion on the effects of Covid-19 on their institutions.

Dr. Sartor reminded the Board that at some point the Korn Ferry issue would need to come back to the forefront for discussions. Mr. Davisson added that the Board's Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer have been in discussions. He said that he and **Dr. D'Amour** have been working on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the LCRC partners. The MOU will be presented at a future Board meeting.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson