

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
August 24th, 2017, 3pm
The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at
Louisiana Cancer Research Center
1700 Tulane Avenue
10th 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
Ms. Carroll Suggs
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean, LSUHSC School of Medicine
Dr. Gene D'Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University
Mr. Walter Leger, Jr, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors
Dr. William McDade, Executive Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health System

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

Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor, LSUHSC, Chairman
Mr. Terrance Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance & Admin, BOR
Dr. Oliver Sartor, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology

Also present were:

Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Cancer Center
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, LCRC Legal Counsel
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University
Mr. Richard Granen, Business Manager, LSUHSC
Ms. Keadren Green, Business Manager, TUHSC
Ms. Tonia Moore, Director, TFL
Dr. Edward Trapido, Chair, TFL Steering Committee
Mr. Daniel Cocran, Chief Financial Officer, LPHI
Ms. Irina Hampton, Legislative Auditors Office (via telephone)
Mr. Stephen Wright, Government Relations, Tulane (via telephone)
Ms. Barbara Greenberg, Co-Chair, Saks Key to the Cure Event
Ms. Sue Singer, Corporate Liaison, Saks Key to the Cure Event

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 July 26, 2017 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Nelson** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the July 26, 2017 Board minutes.

Dr. Hamm called for the Key to the Cure Presentation.

Ms. Barbara Greenberg, Co-Chair, and Ms. Sue Singer, Corporate Liaison, of the Saks Fifth Avenue Key to the Cure (KTTC) Fundraising Event made a presentation to the Board. Packets were distributed to Board Members, including information on how to sponsor the event and how to purchase tickets. Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Singer told

stories of how their families have been affected by cancer. They asked for full participation in the fundraising event by the Board Members. The event will be held Wednesday, October 11th at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Dr. Hamm called for the Finance Committee Report.

Mrs. Goodson reported the Finance Committee did not meet in August. She stated the LCRC is still in the middle of the financial audit and the performance audit. Mr. Davisson requested the Board approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that will be submitted to the financial statements auditor... Dr. Nelson asked if #14 was not applicable because it had been left blank. Ms. Reeder said that it is not applicable and N/A for non-applicable will be added.

A motion was made by **Dr. Nelson** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the Compliance Questionnaire with the suggested change for submission to the Auditor.

Ms. Reeder reported the final results of the tobacco tax collection were distributed. Collections were at \$13,032,474 mid-year and the projections were \$12,893,455, so the projections were relatively on target. This is an indication that stockpiling has settled and the projections should be better moving forward.

Dr. Hamm called for the Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Davisson reported that he has begun working with the Scientific Leadership to update the website as part of the ongoing branding process. He added a scientific writer has been retained to help the Scientific Leadership bring fresh material and make the website more useful for all audiences. **Dr. Nelson** asked if the website receives donations. Ms. Reeder said it does receive some small and memorial donations. **Dr. Nelson** suggested having a presentation at the KTTC event on a fundraising goal, what the funds could do for the LCRC and what's happening now at the LCRC. **Ms. Ryan** said she will be attending a meeting and will bring up the idea of a presentation. Dr. Ochoa suggested the LCRC distribute Annual Reports at the KTTC event. **Dr. D'Amour** said there are a lot more funds to be raised. He added an item for discussion at the upcoming retreat is to develop mechanisms for LCRC to raise private funds. **Dr. D'Amour** proposed having Ms. Yvette Jones for an open ended discussion to identify issues and potential solutions at the next Board Meeting. **Dr. D'Amour** would like to have some work done before a retreat is held so there are concrete recommendations. **Dr. Nelson** said that Mr. Greg Feirn LCMC, CEO, has committed to hiring a consultant who has put together NCI designated centers. **Dr. Nelson** said he believes the fastest way to designation would be to link the new hospital with the LCRC. Dr. Ochoa added Beverly Ginsburg and the Huron Group have been hired by LCMC. **Dr. Hamm** suggested getting the retreat scheduled as soon as possible for discussions such as these.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Mr. Leger**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve inviting Ms. Yvette Jones to the next Board of Directors meeting to facilitate a development discussion.

Mr. Davisson gave an update on the TFL/LCRC Integration Project. He said the deadline for submission of the cessation pilots was at the end of July. Dr. Trapido asked if there is anything being done to lessen conflicts of interest in the review process. Mr. Davisson said participants have chosen not to review proposals from their institutions and many reviewers are in different departments than submitters. He also added, to further avoid conflicts of interest, the Scientific Leadership will serve as a parent committee and make all of the final funding decisions. There are 10 proposals currently in the evaluation process.

Dr. Hamm called for the TFL Update.

Ms. Moore said Baton Rouge passed the Smoke-Free Air Ordinance with a 7-5 vote. The ordinance will take effect in June 2018. She added TFL is working with their coalition partners to make sure there is no future legislation passed to exclude casinos. Ms. Moore reported TFL is partnering with the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor's office to develop a statewide smoke-free venue and music trail. There will be an interactive map on the lieutenant governor's tourism website, highlighting fabulous venues and music events that are smoke-free. The Board congratulated Ms. Moore.

Dr. Hamm asked for any new business. There was none.

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Dr. D'Amour discussed NCI Next Steps. He proposed a 2nd recommendation to develop a draft multi-year budget necessary to hire a Single Director. Dr. D'Amour asked for each institution to name 1 or 2 individuals to work on this committee. He suggested having the budget presented at the next Board Meeting. Drs. **Sartor**, **Deining**, **Ochoa** and **Trapido** were appointed to work on the budget.

A motion was made by **Dr. Nelson** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.

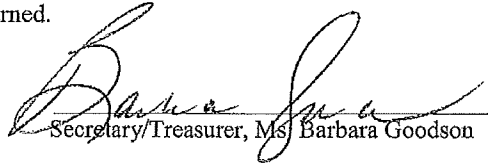
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve having an appointed committee meet to develop a draft of a multi-year budget needed to hire a LCRC Director.

Mr. **Davisson** provided an update on the LCRC's 5th floor. He said there is some interest on the clinic side of the 5th floor but no plan to move forward yet. Mr. **Davisson** reported that, on the office side, all are in agreement for **Dr. Nelson** to move LSUHSC oncologists together with their researchers. A lease has been proposed and now LSU is reviewing the lease. The lease agreement will be brought back for approval by the Board.

Ms. Suggs suggested perhaps **KTTC** could have their patron party in LCRC's building. **Ms. Ryan** said she would bring that up at the next meeting.

Dr. Nelson informed the Board there was discussion of **Dr. Ochoa** being recruited by another cancer center. He has decided to stay with LSU. The Board applauded **Dr. Ochoa**.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson

