

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2017
10:00 – 11:30 AM
ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT:

John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Chair

MEMBERS: Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Alison Heru, MD; Mark Johnston, PhD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Dennis Matthews, MD; David Norris, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; Ron Sokol, MD; Jody Tanabe, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS: Brenda Bucklin, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; Mark Couch; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD; Carolyn Goble; Ben Honigman, MD; Allison Kempe, MD; Mark Kochevar; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Ellen Mangione, MD; Sarah Miller; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Linda van Dyk, PhD; Armando Vidal, MD

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Rebecca Braverman, MD; John Cambier, PhD; Will Cook; Robert D'Ambrosia, MD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Donald Elliman, Chancellor; Jena Hausmann; Sallie Houser-Hanfelder; Herman Jenkins, MD; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Jennifer Richer, PhD; David Schwartz, MD; Tamara Terzian, PhD; Dan Theodorescu, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Kathleen Torkko, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD; Erik Wallace, MD

I. GREETINGS – Dean Reilly

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 20th, 2017, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

The Dean referenced the updates document (*see attached*) and then noted the following items:

The proposed cuts to the NIH appropriation are not supported by many members of Congress. Two proposals in the NIH budget could have a substantial impact on the school and the campus: decreasing the salary cap for NIH grants and changing the formula for covering facilities and administrative costs. CU's Office of Government Relations is monitoring.

The U.S. Senate did not pass a major overhaul to the Affordable Care Act.

Colorado Medicaid has attempted to implement a new claims processing system. Since it was put into effect this summer, there has been an increase in the claims rejection rate for Medicaid providers throughout the state, including CU Medicine. Many of these claims have been rejected inappropriately. The CU Medicine team, led by Gail Albertson, MD, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, is meeting with state officials to resolve these issues.

The school received state budgetary approval for its application to receive federal matching funds from Medicaid and also received notice from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that the application has been approved. The school and CU Medicine are now working on a proposed interagency agreement with leadership of the Colorado Medicaid program. The federal funding will start arriving in quarterly payments beginning late September-early October. Committees are reviewing clinical operations in order to meet the commitments identified in the application as well as how the funds will be handled.

Children's Hospital Colorado appointed a new Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President, Dana Moore. Gil Peri, Chief Strategy Officer, announced that he is leaving to become President and Chief Operating Officer for Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Michael Narkewicz, MD, has stepped down from his position as Children's Associate Medical Director at CU Medicine, because he has taken on additional leadership duties at Children's Hospital Colorado. CU Medicine will be seeking to fill this position.

Children's Hospital is proceeding with the construction of its new hospital in Colorado Springs.

UC Health moved up to number 15 hospital in the nation and remains the top rated hospital in the state of Colorado.

The school is down to two finalists for Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Candidates are also coming for second round interviews for the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry. The search for the Chair of the Department of Immunology and Microbiology is being re-opened. Three new candidates are interviewing for Director of the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Affiliate Updates

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System: *Ellen Mangione, MD, Chief of Staff,*
VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

Denver's VA is the 3rd-fastest growing VA. Patient access will be a major concern for the new facility. Carl Bonnett, MD, has been appointed as the new Chief of the Emergency Room. A new social work executive will be starting in August 2017. The chief of anesthesia position has been posted, the search for a new spinal cord injury director is ongoing, and the selection of a new chief of imaging is expected soon. The new facility is 95 percent complete. There are issues of controlling the humidity in operating rooms at the current VA facility.

Denver Health: *Connie Savor Price, MD, Chief Medical Officer*

Denver Health is in the final round for a search for a new director of service for anesthesiology, with one internal and one external candidate. The search for a director of emergency medicine service has been relaunched and will include Richard Zane, MD, Chair of Emergency Medicine. A new joint surgeon is also joining Denver Health. Denver Health is experience and improvement in financial position and does anticipate additional staff cuts this year. Denver Health announced new indirect rates that will be applied to research. Denver Health is working through a report received from an external review of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Zane will be leading a faculty meeting on August 24th to discuss the issues raised in the review.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.