



# BETSY LEHMAN CENTER

for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction

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## MINUTES OF THE BETSY LEHMAN CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY AND MEDICAL ERROR REDUCTION BOARD

Date of Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2018

Beginning Time: 12:32 pm

End Time: 1:33 pm

### PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 501 Boylston Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA.

#### Board members and designees present:

Lauren Peters (LP)

Ray Campbell (RC)

Joanne Campo (JC), representing John Chapman

Sandra Wolitzky (SW), representing Attorney General Maura Healey

**BLC Staff in attendance:** Barbara Fain (BF), M.E. Malone (MEM), Brigido Ramirez (BR), Paul Karner (PK), Romaine Campbell (RC), Adriana Lopera (AL)

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by RC to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes; SW seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

#### 2018 Work Plan and Board Engagement

BF gave an overview of BLC's work plan for FY2018 work plan and led a discussion on future Board engagement

#### Discussion and feedback

##### Cost of Medical Errors Project:

- LP asked about methodology of the Cost of Medical Errors project.
- PK explained that it is a match cohort method.
- LP asked to be updated with the timeline for this project once further along.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Barbara Fain

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
Maura Healey  
Attorney General

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and Human Services

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of Consumer Affairs  
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- RC encourages that the BLC continue supporting dialogue and getting key stakeholder's buy-in. Value of the project is in its ability to foster conversation. Although beneficial, publication shouldn't be the main goal.
- RC suggested that the BLC might want to explore how much could be saved if certain conditions were reduced.

**Review of safety events:**

- SW asked if there's any way to validate the Serious Reportable Event data with APCD data.
  - PK explained that this can only be done with a narrow set of events. Not the majority.

**Work Plan Format:**

- RC liked the format of the work plan. Thought it would be a great resource for stakeholders.
- RC suggested mentioning the BLC's project buckets in the 1<sup>st</sup> page overview.
  - He also mentioned indicating which projects were priorities throughout the work plan.
- LP suggested indicating the frequency for each project. For example- ongoing, annual, etc.
- BF offered to incorporate one page descriptions of each project the BLC has on file.

**Patient Safety Beat:**

- LP suggested reminding people subscribed to the Patient Safety Beat to warn people to whom they forward the newsletter to not unsubscribe.

**Further Board Engagement:**

- Board agreed to have BF run future meetings. A formal chair is not needed at this point in time.

With no other business to discuss, at 12:32 pm, RC motioned that the meeting be adjourned, SW seconded. Adjournment was approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.