Members present: Drs. Gracias, Bachmann, Brewer, Cadoff, Cuccurullo, Mouradian (for Dhib-Jalbut), Eisenstein, Goodell, Haffty, Weinberger (for Hegyi), Kipen, Barone (for Lee), Menza, Pine, Tallia, Welsh (for Walworth), Scanlin (for Whitley-Williams)

Also present: Drs. Gelinas, Kostis, McCathern, Rabson, Stock, Swee, Terregino, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Aisner, DiCicco-Bloom, Dreyfus, Fratzola, Gatt, Green, Kim, Nosher, Rao, Rosen, Scardella,

1. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2014
   - The minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Transforming Healthcare for the 21st Century: Family Medicine Research on Practice Redesign – Benjamin F. Crabtree, PhD, Professor, Chief, Division of Research, Department of Family Medicine & Community Health provided an overview of his research on issues in organizational change and the challenges of integrating innovations into real world practices. A robust question and answer session followed the presentation. Dr. Gracias thanked Dr. Crabtree for giving the presentation.

3. Dean’s report – Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean
   Announcements:
   - During the month of October, there were approximately 5,982 patients seen in the Emergency Department. Of the 5,982, there were 1,768 admitted to RWJUH from the ED. October 2014 volumes show an increase of .23% in comparison to the last FYTD.
   - On December 1, 2014 UBHC began taking calls for the Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology practices of the medical group. Over 400 new patient visits were scheduled in the first three days.
   - James McKinney, MD, was named vice chair of the Northeast Cerebrovascular Consortium (NECC), which is sponsored by the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association and is dedicated to improving stroke systems care across the region.
   - Pediatric surgery participated in the Liberty Science Center’s “Live from…” educational program about careers in the health sciences related to the operating room for high school students. The program was a trial broadcast for bariatric surgery which took place in October and a live conference broadcast to an auditorium at Children’s Specialized Hospital.
   - New Brunswick Tomorrow announced a new healthy living campaign LIVE WELL-VIVIR BIEN NEW BRUNSWICK™ which serves to unify the current efforts in New Brunswick that promote a culture of health, wellness, and health care of our residents. Led by four partner institutions - Johnson & Johnson, the City of New Brunswick, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and New Brunswick Tomorrow, together, they launched the campaign during a conference on November 5, which featured community and healthcare leaders in New Brunswick including Eric Jahn, MD, senior associate dean of community health, and Maria B. Pellerano, MA, MBA, MPH, assistant professor, family medicine and community health, who were instrumental in the campaign’s development and presentation.
   - The Institute For Excellence in Education had its kickoff retreat. Attendees included a diverse group of faculty, core educators in the Office of Education, RWJMS Master Educator Guild members, clinical educational leaders from Jersey Shore University Hospital, JF Kennedy Hospital, and St. Peter’s University Hospital, School of Nursing, Graduate School of Education. The mission of the institute is to train learners across the continuum to care for patients and the health of the population. Final guidelines for membership in the Academy of Medical Education, the institute education research agenda, signature programs and fundraising ideas are being implemented.
On December 2, the Child Health Institute of New Jersey celebrated its 10th anniversary during a reception. The event recognized the institute’s long-time supporters, founding personnel and current investigators, all of whom have enriched the pediatric research community and academic endeavors.

On December 4, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, along with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the Alzheimer’s Association hosted a public hearing to assist the State of New Jersey’s Alzheimer’s Disease Study Commission examine current issues in New Jersey associated with Alzheimer’s Disease.

4. Old Business
   Search Committee Status:
   - Chair, Department of Medicine
   - Chair, Department of Surgery
   - Chair, Department of Dermatology
   - Chair, Emergency Medicine

5. Upcoming Events:
   - January 13, 2015 - 6:30 PM
     27th Annual Career Night
     Great Hall
     Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
     675 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ
     For more information contact: ribnerrs@rwjms.rutgers.edu

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Hatcher
Office of the Dean