

THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL GROUP
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RUTGERS-ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2013

Present: Drs. Amenta, Arya, Ayers (for Bachmann), Cadoff, Carson, Dhib-Jalbut, Eisenstein, Gracias (for Graham), Hunter, Kipen, McCathern, McGarry, Menza, Scardella, Scanlin, Sonnenberg, Spotnitz, Tallia, Whitley-Williams; Ms. Holswade, Lustig

Absent: Drs. DiPaola, Graham, Haffty, McKinney, Rao,

Meeting called to order by Dr. Amenta at 4:00 P.M.

The minutes of September 12th were approved as written.

I. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Amenta announced the following:

- **Oliver Choo**, MD, 2013 graduating resident received the highest score in the country on the written exam for the American Board of Anesthesiology.
- Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, lead by **Karen W. Lin, MD, MS**, associate professor of family medicine and community health, is seeking participants for a study on Acupuncture as potential treatment for Thalamic Pain Syndrome.
- **Dr. Steven Landers, MD, MPH**, clinical associate professor in the department of family medicine and community health and CEO of the VNA, points out in an online Viewpoint piece published by the JAMA, that now is the time to invest in the Medicare home health program. The enactment of the Affordable Care Act (ACT) provides the perfect opportunity to improve home health care.
- Research, conducted by **Jeanne M. Ferrante, MD, MPH** in the Department of Family Medicine, focusing on primary care utilization and colorectal cancer incidence and mortality among Medicare beneficiaries was published in the October Annals of Internal Medicine. They found that Medicare beneficiaries with higher utilization of primary care have lower CRC incidences and mortality and lower overall mortality. Increasing and promoting access to primary care in the United States for Medicare beneficiaries may help decrease the national burden of CRC.
- Dr. Amenta reported on the status of all active Search Committees.

Upcoming Events

October 28, 2013 - 4:30 PM

New Faculty Orientation

Conference Room 1302

Clinical Academic Building

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ

For more information, contact: ruthe.reardino@rutgers.edu

November 11, 2013 - 1:00 PM

Dean's Research and Mentoring Awards

Conference Room 1302

Clinical Academic Building

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ

For more information, contact: gelinace@rwjms.rutgers.edu

December 17, 2013 - 4:00 PM

Ira B. Black Memorial Lecture

Main Auditorium

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ

Reception to follow in the Great Hall

Speaker:

Joseph T. Coyle, MD

Eben S. Draper Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience

Harvard Medical School

McLean Hospital

Belmont, MA

For more information, contact: wheelebj@rwjms.rutgers.edu

Dr. Amenta also made the following additional announcements:

- In the process of sending RWJUH a revised affiliation agreement
- Annual reviews and evaluations will take place
- MPA negotiations are on-going
- Mentioned meeting he had with Drs. Johnson and Strom regarding Electronic Health Records

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scardella provided a brief update on Managed Care and Clinical Issues:

- We requested 190% of Medicare from Aetna. Aetna countered with an extremely low offer. We have requested that they negotiate seriously or we will terminate the contract.
- The position of manager of provider relations has been filled.
- Project status regarding the newly formed corporation that was formed when the Gores Group acquired the outsourcing/billing services business of GE Healthcare IT, Meridian Billing Management.
- Family Practice at Monument Square update: The Medicare CPCI project data has been recently released.
- Gainsharing update: thanked all for their support
- The stroke service staffed by the RWJMG neurologists has a patient LOS of 5.1 days when the group is primary and 6.1 days when the group is a consultant. This compares to a LOS of 7.5 days for private neurologists. The 30 day readmission rate for our group is 11%.
- As part of the Medicare CPCI initiative the Family Medicine group at Monument Square has convened a Patient Advisory Council funded by a collaborative grant from Horizon, CMS and United Health.
- The percentage of hospital discharges at RWJUH attributable to RWJMG has increased from 58.7% to 63.5%.

Dr. Sonnenberg provided a brief update on Clinical IT issues:

- Meaningful Use:
 - Pediatric practice update – staff and faculty have been trained.
 - PQRS – penalty phase and assessing penalties.

PRESENTATION: “*Rutgers Health Partners Updates*” – Dr. Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH

Dr. Tallia provided an update on Rutgers Health Partners discussing the following topics:

- Rutgers Health Partners is the University's Integrated Delivery System made up of subsidiaries wholly owned or in partnerships with other stakeholders targeting specific insurance populations, affiliations, geographies.
- Robert Wood Johnson Partners is the Rutgers/RWJUH jointly owned LLC Corporation formed to target Medicare populations through a CMS approved Accountable Care Organization. RWJ Partners can become the Medicare targeted subsidiary of RHP.
- Status on each Stakeholders progress.
- Steps need to be taken by Rutgers RWJMG.
- Major benefit of an ACO is to improve patient care.

A discussion ensued and Dr. Amenta thanked Dr. Tallia for his presentation.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Tallia presented the August financials discussing the following:

- FFs Work RVU's
- Payer Mix
- P&L Statements
- Contract and A&S Due to RWJMG FY14 Aug YTD
- New Funds
- August YTD FFS Work RVUs (including CINJ RWJUH)
- RWJMG Change in Financial Class (including CINJ RWJUH)
- P&L Statement
- Contract and A&S Due to RWJMG
- New Funds Flow Model

CLINICAL CARE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Eisenstein brought forth the following policy, which was included in the Board book for review, for the committee's approval. The policy presented was:

1. **Medication Prescribing and Renewals**

A motion was made for the approval of this policy. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

MANAGED CARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Charity, Dean's Office*