

The Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center

February 1, 2021

General Meeting via Webex

I. Welcome

Cindy Mancillas

The meeting began at 11:02 and Cindy welcomed everyone.

II. Susie Healy, Vice President of Medical Center Activities, introduced our speakers, **Paul Casey, MD, MBA, FACEP**, Chief Medical Officer and Physician Director of Rush's COVID-19 Hospital Incident Command Center, and **Michael Lin, MD, MPH**, Infectious Disease Physician, Epidemiologist and Associate Professor of Medicine

III. Rush's COVID Response

Paul Casey, MD, MBA, FACEP

Dr. Casey began by thanking the Woman's Board for their support and then addressed the current state of the pandemic as well as the vaccine and Rush's efforts to promote it in the community.

1. There are hot spots of COVID all over the country right now but the numbers are trending in the right direction. The United States has seen cases decline 32% in the past 14 days with hospitalizations down 20% and deaths down 5%. The hospital has been very intentional about proactive outreach to the communities which are most adversely affected.
2. Rush's priority is to get the vaccine safely to its community. Vaccine distribution has been a real challenge. Illinois is ranked 47th out of 50 states in vaccine distribution. 1.4 million doses have been delivered to the state but only 700,000 have been administered. It is difficult to predict how much vaccine Rush will get as the hospital is only told 24-48 hours ahead of time. Only 6.2% of the state's priority population has been vaccinated so far. In general, Black and LatinX communities are two times less likely to get the vaccine and have a three times higher mortality rate than white communities. Rush is reaching out to underserved communities via text,

email and MyChart. To further this effort, Rush invited faith leaders from the south and west sides to be vaccine ambassadors for their communities. The hospital has administered 18,000 doses of vaccine with over 7,600 patients having received both doses.

Common Questions about Vaccine

Michael Lin, MD, MPH

Dr. Lin addressed many concerns and questions about the vaccine.

1. It is possible to still contract COVID after the vaccine, but there is maximal efficacy after the second dose.
2. There is full immune response a couple weeks after the second dose.
3. It is not known if the vaccine will provide lifelong protection.
4. Children are less likely to develop severe illness.
5. There is not enough data on children to give them the vaccine.
6. The CDC says it is ok to vaccinate pregnant and breastfeeding women, that the benefits outweigh the risks.
7. Even after being vaccinated, people should still wear masks and quarantine. It is not known if vaccinated people can still spread disease
8. It is expected that the vaccine provides at least partial protection against mutant strains of the virus.

Looking forward, Rush wants to come out stronger and better after the pandemic than before. Monnie Wasse, MD, MPH is the Director of the new Post-COVID Clinic which meets the needs of patients suffering from the long-term effects of COVID and works to build up the knowledge base of the community. Rush is also promoting a new Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases (CEID) which partners working departments at Rush with academics, research institutes and the community to address new infectious diseases.

IV. Approval of December Minutes

Cindy Mancillas

Lenore Macdonald made a motion to approve the December minutes and Gillian Stoettner seconded it. The motion was approved.

V. Fundraising Recap

Mindy Kelly

1. The Tribute Tree had revenue of \$28,280 with 105 donors making 110 donations. 57% of the donations came from outside the Woman's Board.
2. The Women's and Children's Hospital Committee Gift Card Drive received \$4,730 in donations from 26 Woman's Board donors. 275 gift cards were donated to the Rush pediatric outreach program, KidSHIP (Kids Shelter Health Improvement Program) and were distributed by pediatricians at three Chicago homeless shelters.
3. The net revenue from the Fall Benefit and Annual Appeal was \$478,253, with the revenue breakdown as follows:
 - a. \$192,832 – Event Contributions
 - b. \$121,502 – Annual Appeal Donations
 - c. \$9,750 – Principal Project Donations
 - d. \$103,750 – Ticket Sales
 - e. \$136,500 – Sponsorship

The best news is that we had very low expenses so that these numbers can go directly to our projects.

VI. Spring Luncheon 2021

Cindy Mancillas

The Spring Luncheon will be held virtually on May 11th. Cindy McCain will be the speaker with board member Megan Bradley posing questions to her. Tickets are now on sale on our website

VII. Fall Benefit 2021

Bethany Crocker

The Fall Benefit will be held on October 1st at Theatre on the Lake. The theme is Game Changers, which is inspired by the Precision Oncology Principal Project. The committee is pursuing three parallel paths giving the uncertain environment:

1. Fully in person party at Theatre on the Lake
2. A hybrid event comprised of smaller gatherings in several different locations
3. Virtual

VIII. Community Outreach Committee Report

Eileen Kasten

The Community Outreach Committee provides assistance to nonprofit organizations that support the West Side of Chicago. The Committee works with three partner organizations:

1. Rush Community Service Initiatives Program (RCSIP) led by Sharon Gates, provides assistance through four programs:
 - a. Health and education promotion programs
 - b. Community outreach programs
 - i. The Road Home Program, supports veterans and their families
 - ii. Correctional Health Initiative at Cook County jail
 - iii. Buddies (Rush students do fun activities with hospitalized children)
 - c. Patient Care Programs supports and volunteers in clinics, such as Haymarket and Community Health Clinic
 - d. Promotes Careers in Health Care to grammar and high school students to help build a pipeline of future health care workers
2. Illinois Medical District (IMD) Guest House led by Adam Helman, provides housing to Veterans for the Road Home program while they receive intensive outpatient services for three weeks.
3. Rush Community Based Practices, led by Sally Lemke, runs school based health centers at three Chicago Public High Schools: Orr Academy, Crane Medical Prep High School and Simpson Academy, a school for girls in grades 6-12 who are parenting or pregnant.

IX. Gratitude Project

Cindy Mancillas

The Woman's Board launched the Gratitude Project as a way to express appreciation to RUMC employees for their compassion and commitment during the COVID pandemic. The project has included the following monthly events:

1. December – the Tribute Tree showcased a lit snowflake dedicated to Rush Healthcare Heroes
2. January – the Forever Grateful Gift Card Draw gave a \$25 gift card for the Woman's Board gift shop to 12 employees each week, for a total of 48 employees during the month. The gift cards were donated by Angel Donors from the Woman's Board.
3. February – Woman's Board members and their families made 138 fleece blankets with fabric donated by JoAnn Fabrics. The blankets, along with handwritten notes, were distributed to employees from the Respiratory

Therapy, Occupational Safety, and Professional Nursing Practice
Departments.

The board is looking for more ideas for March and April.

X. Winnetka Auxiliary/Junior Board

Jeanne McAtamney & Heather Pigott

Heather Pigott is now the Co-President of the Auxiliary with Jeanne McAtamney and Tricia Albian is now the Past President. The Cooks' Tour is pivoting to a "Cooks' Tour Al Fresco" event on September 22nd, featuring four fabulous outdoor kitchens and gardens. Tina Tedeschi and Jan Evans will serve as Cooks' Tour Co-Chairs and Dena Pavlopoulos and Nora Larkin are heading up Sponsorship. The Auxiliary has begun to mentor Simpson students virtually in an effort to stay connected with the seniors.

On the Junior Board, the juniors and seniors completed the Rush Diversity Online Certification Program. The board will be holding a virtual All Board Meeting to discuss Exec positions and will begin accepting Exec applications. Heather Pigott reminded the Woman's Board that they can submit names for potential new Junior Board members through the online form that was sent out. The prospective members should be current high school freshmen in the New Trier township. The Junior Board is working on a spring event in lieu of the Fashion Show which will include a fundraising component and recognize the seniors.

XI. Announcements

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- Finance Meetings: Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.
- General Meetings – Monday, April 12 at **10:30 a.m.** Monday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. (updated time)
- Executive Meeting – Monday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. (updated time)
- Spring Luncheon – Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – Virtual
- Fall Benefit – Friday, October 1, 2021 – Theater on the Lake
- Committee Meetings are being scheduled, please check with your Committee Chair and Vice Chair for upcoming meeting dates

XII. Adjournment

Cindy Mancillas

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Martin
Recording Secretary