

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**dba SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
**QUALITY COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cyril Bethala, M.D.  
Larry Englande  
Georgia Johnson (Committee Chair)  
Bill Newton  
Tommy Morris (Committee Vice-Chair)

**OTHER BOC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

N/A

**THOSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Mercadel, M.D.

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Cassey Alexander, Director of Clinical Operations  
Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Bridgette Benton, Clinical Risk Manager  
Claire Chitwood, Chief Operating Officer  
Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Ray Holmes, Interim Chief Nursing Officer (POC)  
Paul McCann, AVP Clinic Operations  
Lynn Necaie, Quality and Patient Safety AVP, Ochsner Northshore and Miss. Gulfport Region  
James Newcomb, M.D., Vice President Medical Affairs  
Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Ms. Johnson, Committee Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023 Quality Committee meeting as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Quality Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**POLICY REVISIONS**

Upon review of the Policy Revisions listed below, a motion was made by Mr. Englande and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Policy Revisions as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

- IC-121, Instruments, Scopes and Powered Surgical Instruments--Care of
- IC-126, Recall of In-House Sterilized Items
- IC-128, Biological Monitoring
- MM-300, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

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**POLICY REVIEWS WITH NO CHANGES**

Upon review of the below listed Policy Reviews involving no changes, a motion was made by Mr. Englande and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the Policy Reviews as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

- IC-010, Infection Prevention Statement of Authority
- IC-015, Surveillance, Prevention and Control of Infection
- IC-021, Reportable Diseases
- IC-041, Employee Health Program
- IC-042, Management of Exposures to Blood/Body Fluids
- IC-043, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B (HBV), or Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Exposure Mgmt
- IC-100, Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan
- IC-110, Tuberculosis Control Plan
- IC-120, Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Sterilization
- IC-122, Reprocessing of Single-Use Medical Devices
- IC-129, Sterilizer Malfunction
- IC-141, Linen Handling
- IC-142, Morgue Cleaning
- IC-161, Surgical Hand Scrub
- IC-230, Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette in Healthcare Settings
- IC-270, Latex Sensitive Employees – Screening and Management
- IC-280, Management of the Influx of Infectious Patients
- IC-290, Service Animals
- IC-300, Infection Control Construction Policy
- IC-310, UVC Disinfection Program
- LD-010, Facility Plan for Providing Patient Care and Scope of Service
- RI-010, Patients' Rights and Responsibilities
- RI-062, Organizational Code of Ethical Behavior
- RI-160, Crisis Standard of Care Implementation in Pandemics and Mass Disasters

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Dr. Morris for the Quality Committee to go into Executive Session in order to receive the records and proceedings of the Hospital Medical Executive/Credentials Committee, reports, statistics, minutes and proceedings of the Hospital/Medical Staff Quality Assurance Committee, standing committees of the Board, and any other related records and documents, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, La. R.S. 42:16, and La. R.S. 44:7D, and those items considered key to strategic planning and marketing as provided by La. R.S. 46:1073. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee went into executive session at 12:10 p.m.

*Mr. Englande exited at 12:45 during executive session.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton for the Quality Committee to return to open session. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee returned to open session at 1:22 p.m.

**QUALITY REPORT (Hospital)**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Dr. Bethala to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the Quality Report (Hospital) as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

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**QUALITY REPORT (SMH Physicians Network)**

A motion was made by Dr. Bethala and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the Quality Report (SMH Physicians Network) as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Dr. Bethala to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

*(Draft of Minutes accepted by Board of Commissioners on November 30, 2023)*  
*(Minutes approved by Quality Committee on December 20, 2023)*