

January 31, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Health Affairs Committee:

E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., Chair
H. Christopher Alexander, III, M.D.
Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Terence P. Ross
Thomas A. Saunders, III
Elizabeth A. Twohy
Harry J.G. van Beek
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas F. Farrell, II Mark J. Kington
Charles L. Glazer Don R. Pippin
T. Keister Greer Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Elsie Goodwyn Holland Warren M. Thompson
H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr.

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Health Affairs
Committee on January 31, 2003

The Health Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:30 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2003, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., Chair, presided. Harry J.G. van Beek, Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas F. Farrell, II, T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Mark J. Kington, Don R. Pippin, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Warren M. Thompson, and H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., R. Edward Howell, Gene D. Block, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Ms. Yoke San Reynolds, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, William W. Harmon, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair summarized the meeting of the Medical Center Operating Board held the day before (see the Minutes of the meeting of the Medical Center Operating Board, January 30, 2003).

The Board, he said, discussed the effects of HIPPA regulations and questions of Medicaid reimbursements, not only on the operations of the Medical Center but on medical education as well. There is a continuing shortage of nurses, but shortages of specialists are developing - the Chair mentioned anesthesiologists, certain kinds of radiologists, and neurosurgeons. More patients are being referred to the Medical Center to the point where these referrals are above budget for this year. These referrals mean an increase in patients with complicated conditions, which increases the expense of care.

The Chair said the clinical staff reorganization is complete and the clinical faculty seem pleased. A Chair of Psychiatry is being recruited and the position of Chair of Orthopaedics has just been filled. Dr. Vaughan mentioned the new Master of Public Health program, which has just been approved by the Educational Policy Committee (see Minutes of the meeting of the Educational Policy Committee, January 31, 2003) and asked that Dr. Garson report on it after the program has been established and begins to mature.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

AGG:lah

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