

MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2007

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John R. Ryan, Chancellor

**SUBJECT: Establishment of Stony Brook University Hospital
Quality Assessment Review Board**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the report of the Blue Ribbon Commission ("Commission") on Stony Brook University Hospital, dated January 5, 2007, which the State University Board of Trustees welcomes, recommends the establishment of an advisory board with respect to Stony Brook University Hospital; and

Whereas the State University Board of Trustees supports the recommendation of the Commission and has determined to establish such a board for Stony Brook University Hospital, named the Quality Assessment Review Board;

Whereas the State University Board of Trustees reaffirms Resolution 57-162, adopted by the State University Board of Trustees on December 12, 1957, which established the president of each university hospital as the Governing Body thereof for purposes of federal and State law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that

A. there be, and hereby is, a Stony Brook University Hospital Quality Assessment Review Board. This Board shall work in consultation with the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor and the State University Board of Trustees. Consistent with all Federal and State laws and regulations, the Quality Assessment Review Board shall undertake the following:

1 To review and make recommendations with respect to the quality assurance system developed by hospital administration and medical staff;

2. To review and make recommendations with respect to the credentialing processes of medical staff;

3. To be consulted on the selection of the chief executive officer of Stony Brook University Hospital; and

4. To carry out such other functions as the State University Board of Trustees may from time to time direct.

B. Any recommendations made by the Quality Assessment Review Board pursuant to section A, paragraphs (1) and (2), shall be reported to the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor and the State University Board of Trustees.

C. The Quality Assessment Review Board shall have the following additional functions:

1. To advise the chief executive officer of Stony Brook University Hospital on long-term business development opportunities, including but not limited to affiliations and collaborations with other health care providers;

2. To inform the chief executive officer of Stony Brook University Hospital of any changes in Federal or State laws or regulations, and any recommendations that are under consideration by the Quality Assessment Review Board; and

3. To inform the chief executive officer of Stony Brook University Hospital, the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor, and the State University Board of Trustees of its recommendations with respect to the quality assurance system of Stony Brook University Hospital.

D. No less frequently than at the January meeting of the State University Board of Trustees, the Quality Assessment Review Board shall provide its advice and recommendations to the State University Board of Trustees. The Quality Assessment Review Board shall provide its advice and recommendations with respect to such other matters consistent with its role in response to a request from the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor or the State University Board of Trustees.

E. The membership of the Quality Assessment Review Board shall be not fewer than nine nor more than twelve external members, and not more than three *ex officio* members of Stony

Brook University to be named by the President of Stony Brook University. The external members shall be representatives of the highest ethical standards and relevant experience, whose private interests are not in conflict with membership on the Quality Assessment Review Board. At least five external members shall be residents of the County of Suffolk, and two of the external members shall be physicians in good standing who are residents of the State of New York. Each member shall serve for a term of up to three years at the pleasure of the State University Board of Trustees. Each external member shall serve without compensation for services but shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties as members. Trustees of the State University shall be excluded from membership on the Quality Assessment Review Board. In consultation with the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor shall submit to the State University Board of Trustees a slate of nominees for membership of the Quality Assessment Review Board, including a nominee for chair.

Background

The resolution establishes for Stony Brook University Hospital a Quality Assessment Review Board and sets forth its role.

Among the recommendations of the January 2007 report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Stony Brook University Hospital is a recommendation to establish an advisory board that has the ability to ask questions, receive answers and give advice. "[I]ts advice would not have the mandate of a governing body nor its fiduciary responsibility but could provide insights and perspectives not readily available at present." Report, p.12. Senior management believes that the establishment of such a board would be a valuable tool to the State University Board and to State University administrators vested with governance and management responsibilities.

The role of the Quality Assessment Review Board is to review and make recommendations as to the hospital's quality assurance system, to review and make recommendations with respect to the hospital's credentialing process, to consult on the selection of the hospital's chief executive officer, to advise on long-term business opportunities, and to inform the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor and the State University Board of Trustees on changes in law and regulations.

The Quality Assessment Review Board would consist of 9-12 external members and not more than three *ex officio* members of Stony Brook University. At least five external members shall be residents of Suffolk County,

and at least two external members shall be physicians who are residents of New York. State University Trustees may not be members. Members serve for terms up to three years at the pleasure of the State University Board. In consultation with the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor shall submit to the State University Board of Trustees a slate of nominees for membership.