1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Ed Morton convened the meeting of the Health Initiatives Committee at 3:11 p.m. on March 19, 2014 with the following members present: Matthew Carter, Manoj Chopra, and Alan Levine. A quorum was established. Committee member Dick Beard joined the meeting at 3:21 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Dean Colson; Daniel Doyle, Jr.; Carlo Fassi; Patricia Frost; Mori Hosseini; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Tom Kuntz; Pam Stewart; and Norman Tripp.

2. Approval of Committee Two-year Work Plan

Chair Morton discussed the goals and foci of the new Health Initiatives Committee. He identified points of emphasis for the Committee, including systemwide standards for admitted and graduating students, healthcare delivery systems, and research. He mentioned that the Committee will be assembling an advisory group to include the Council for Medical School Deans, the Florida Center for Nursing, the Florida Hospital Association, the Department of Health, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the State University System Vice Presidents for Research, and the Florida Medical Association. Chair Morton said he anticipates the development of a strategic plan for health initiatives in the Committee’s second year that would be compatible with the Board’s 2025 Strategic Plan.

Governor Hosseini asked for clarification of the timeline on the creation of the advisory group. Chair Morton responded that it was his intention to have this element completed soon and agreed to add its creation to the Committee timeline.
Governor Levine provided information on the Florida Supreme Court ruling to remove the cap on non-economic damages for medical malpractice and the potential impact the ruling may have on the physician workforce. Chair Morton emphasized the Committee’s focus on the System’s future production of physicians.

Governor Carter moved that the Committee approve the Health Initiatives Committee Two-year Work Plan. Governor Levine seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Closing Remarks and Adjournment, Governor Morton

Having no further business, Chair Morton adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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Ed Morton, Chair

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Karen Dennis, Executive Assistant