

NASSAU ENLARGES HOSPITAL BOARD

Blacks and Women Added
to Medical Center Unit

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The board of governors of the Nassau County Medical Center has been enlarged to include blacks and women, County Executive Ralph G. Caso said today.

Mr. Caso said at a news conference in his office that the board for the 731-bed, 35-year-old hospital in East Meadow had been increased from five to nine members. The board, which meets once a month, sets policy, approves staffing and establishes rules for operation of the hospital complex.

"My aim in expansion of the governing body of the Nassau County Medical Center is to broaden the base of operations," Mr. Caso said. "New members with wide-ranging experience and new points of view will greatly enhance the hospital center's services."

"I have selected a representative cross-section of the community to give the people of Nassau a stronger voice in the running of the facility."

Although the size of the board was increased by four, Mr. Caso named six new members — one member had died and the term of another had expired.

Mr. Caso's action was aimed at assuaging criticism by consumer groups that had charged that the board was not attuned to the desires and needs of various sections of society.

Those named today are Dr. John P. Glaubitz of Bethpage, a surgeon; the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Mackey of Roosevelt, pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church; Mrs. Gloria Pettus of Hempstead, secretary of the South Hempstead Baptist Church; Cornelius F. Ryan of Plainview, a leader in affairs for the elderly; Mrs. C. Patricia Meyers of Woodbury, a member of the county Mental Health Board, and Robert F. Hill of Old Westbury, a psychotherapist.

Dr. Mackey, Mrs. Pettus and Mr. Hill are the blacks named to the board. About 4.6 per cent of the county's 1.4 million residents are black.

The new members were appointed for various periods up to five years and their tenure is subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors. They will join the three current members of the board, Warren J. Freeman of Rockville Centre, John F. O'Shaughnessy of Seaford and Walter E. Van der Waag of East Williston.

One criticism of the board has been that it would not open its meetings to the public. The new members said they would not comment on this matter until they had spent some time on the board.