

Board Meeting Summary

September 28, 2021

Presentation: HDH Foundation

A. Wainscott, HDH Foundation (HDHF) Executive Director was introduced to the group and provided a presentation highlighting the HDH Foundation which included the following;

- The mission (special events, appeal letters, relationship building and share stories);
- HDHF funds Physician Recruitment & Retention, Scholarships, Staff Education and Chaplaincy;
- The people (staff, volunteers, donors and hospital);
- Board of Directors (members and responsibilities);
- Activities (planned giving, garden of fond memories, direct campaigns, appeals);
- Events (Drive In Night, Brew Side Bingo, Gala & Auction, Christmas Tour of Lights);
- Current Goal – IV Smart Pump Campaign for 45 new pumps (\$304,000); and
- Ways to Support the Foundation (share your stories, get involved, donate to the cause, and spread the word).

Grey-Bruce Ontario Health Team Update

- On September 17, 2021, the province announced eight new Ontario Health Teams including the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team. The province now has 50 Ontario Health Teams;
- The Grey Bruce Ontario Health team continues to work on developing the structure of the team and is currently focused on onboarding patient partners to the Patient Council;
- The team is also working on developing a collaborative agreement of accountability for all organizations involved and is developing a structure for the “Chair’s Council” that will provide oversight for the team; and
- Upcoming events include a meeting to discuss the terms of reference for the Chair’s Council on September 28, 2021 and on September 29, 2021 the Grey Bruce OHT Community Information Session # 2 will occur.

Including the Patient Voice

The Board passed a motion to trial a non-voting Patient & Family Advisory Committee member on a Board Committee to be determined.

COVID-19 Update

- Volumes have been steadily increasing in the COVID-19 Assessment Centre not that school has begun. Volumes will continue to be monitored. HDH has increased clinic days from a three day to a five day a week model in order to meet the needs of our community.
- HDH is working collaboratively with regional hospital partners to develop guiding principles to assist in establishing a common approach to managing hospital visitation;
- Wave 4 planning has been occurring across the Ontario Health West region to prepare for a surge in patient needing admission to the hospital. Hospitals have been encouraged to review staffing models and programs to determine what could be diverted if there was a need to accommodate COVID-19 patients. HDH will be hosting an education session for frontline staff focusing on life-threatening pediatric emergencies. There has been an emphasis to be prepared for surges in pediatric COVID-19 cases.
- The Board brought a motion out of in-camera in regards to the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy endorsing mandatory vaccinations by January 1, 2022. A media release will be sent out with the details of the motion.

Board Chair Report

The Board Chair provided a report in the agenda outlining the events/meetings she has participated in from May 21, 2021 to September 23, 2021.

President and Chief Executive Officer Report

- The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) hosted a meeting with members of the Small, Rural and Northern (SRN) Council to discuss issues facing rural hospitals in Ontario. The SRN Council has tasked the OHA with advocating for system-wide changes to Health Human Resources approaches through facilitated discussions with government, Ontario Health and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to increase resources and opportunities with hospital especially in rural settings;
- D. Howes is now the Chair of the InterHospital Lab Partnership (IHLP) for the duration of two years; and
- The Senior Leadership Team, with the support of the Board of Governors, hosted a staff appreciation week in August.

Finance/Audit and Property Committee Report

The Finance/Audit & Property Committee met on September 23, 2021 and reviewed the financial statements for the 5th period ending August 31, 2021. At the end of August YTD there was a deficit of \$67,142 before amortization and an YTD deficit of \$182,117 after amortization.

Public Relations Committee

The website project is now complete with the launch of the new website in September.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to discuss recruitment and committee membership.

Quality Governance and Risk Management

The Quality Governance and Risk Management Committee completed a practice Accreditation Tracer, reviewed committee work plans, and recommended/reviewed all board policies to the board where they were approved at a special meeting.

Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

- The Emergency Department continues to be busy with volumes returning to pre-COVID volumes;
- Surgical Services resumed fully in June and the team has been busy completing all priority cases and reducing waitlists. HDH was able to catch back up and return to normal wait times.
- HDH continues to engage staff and physicians in preparing for the accreditation process that is scheduled for November 15-18, 2021.

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