



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors

*** MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ***

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Board of Directors met on Thursday March 2, 2017.

Reports were presented by the Governance & Stakeholder Relations Committee, Local Advisory Committees, Medical Advisory Committee and Quality Committee. The Clinton, St. Marys and Seaforth Site Chiefs, Alliance Chief of Staff, Chief Nursing Officer and President & Chief Executive Officer also shared updates.

Laurie Roberts, Corporate Lead, Medical Staff provided an overview of physician recruitment at HPHA, outlining her role, and sharing a status update on current and future physician resource needs, challenges and opportunities. Laurie's main areas of focus include:

- Developing an effective process for recruitment that supports physician resource planning at HPHA;
- Developing an effective retention program that engages physicians across HPHA; and
- Creating opportunities for increasing knowledge and knowledge transfer for HPHA physicians.

Board Approved:

- HPHA's 2016/2017 Quality Improvement Plan Closeout Reports, including the implemented revised Medication Reconciliation Policy
- HPHA's 2017/2018 Quality Improvement Plan
- Multi-Sector Service Accountability Amending Agreement Extension to March 31, 2018.

Meeting Highlights:

- HPHA provides compassionate, appropriate support to sexual assault victims, responding to their immediate medical needs and offering advice about internal and external resources available to them, offering the following:
 - Immediate Medical Support from our 4 Emergency Department's Healthcare Providers
 - Immediate Crisis Intervention Counselling from the 24/7 Crisis Intervention Program
 - A Sexual Assault Treatment Program staffed by a full time Sexual Abuse Treatment Counsellor
 - Assistance with contacting police and decisions regarding making a formal police complaint
 - Advice on what is involved in evidence collection
- Given the low number of victims presenting HPHA's Emergency Departments who decide to pursue the use of a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (Rape Kit), victims are referred to Sexual Assault Centres where fully trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners have the necessary experience and provide the best current standard of care, collecting forensic evidence that may be used at a later date should legal proceeding commence.
- HPHA remains committed to working with all partners to strengthen supports for victims of sexual assault and a working group has been established with the Stratford Police and Ontario Provincial Police, reviewing protocols, including transportation options to Sexual Assault Centres and Domestic Violence Treatment Centres.
- Review of Administrative and Professional By-laws and the Alliance Agreement is currently underway.
- Recruitment and retention of physicians is a priority with physicians coming together to strategically plan for the future, contributing to the existing strong primary care system we are fortunate to have across Huron Perth.
- Decreased wait times at the St. Marys Site Emergency Department was recognized by the South West Local Health Integration Network.
- St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation is close to reaching their \$5M goal and their Spring Gala will be held on April 29th with special guest Jessica Holmes from the Royal Canadian Air Farce.
- Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation is saddened by the loss of longstanding member Mike Hak who passed away recently.
- Stratford General Hospital Foundation's Annual General Meeting is being held on June 13th at the Stratford Country Club with guest speaker Silken Laumann.
- Additional hours have been awarded for MRI, and additional volumes for hip and knee surgeries to be completed by March 31st were approved.
- HPHA's Annual General Meeting will be held on June 22nd at the Mitchell Golf & Country Club.

NEXT HPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday April 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
St. Marys Memorial Hospital Site