



# Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance

## QUALITY & SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

### Terms of Reference

#### **ROLE**

The Quality and Social Accountability Committee is a standing committee of the Board and serves as the hospital's quality committee for the purposes of the *Excellent Care for All Act*, 2010. The Committee provides oversight and assurance to the Board that quality of care, patient safety, risk management, patient experience, health equity, and social accountability are embedded within HPHA's governance, planning, and performance management processes. The Committee monitors organizational performance, reviews quality and safety trends, supports continuous improvement, advises the Board on matters affecting the quality, safety, accessibility, relevance and effectiveness of care and services provided to the communities served by HPHA, and supports HPHA's efforts to advance social accountability in all aspects of decision-making.

#### **MEMBERSHIP** (Voting Members)

Board members x 5, 1 of whom shall Chair

Skills-Based Community Members x 4 (1/Site Catchment)

Patient & Caregiver Partner(s)

President and Chief Executive Officer

Vice President Partnerships, Transformation and Chief Nursing Executive

Chief of Staff

Staff member who is not a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or College of Nurses of Ontario

#### **RESOURCE MEMBERS** (Non-Voting Members)

Vice President Performance, Finance & Digital Innovation

Director Quality, Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice

Manager Quality, Patient Safety and Infection Control

Patient Experience Specialist

Corporate Lead Volunteer Services and Student Engagement

Manager Decision Support

Director Human Resources

**NOTE:** Community Members and Patient and Caregiver Partners are entitled to vote, provided the Board members, elected and ex-officio, comprise a majority.

#### **FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet a minimum of 6 times/year and at the call of the Chair.

#### **QUORUM**

The majority of voting members.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Quality & Social Accountability Committee is responsible to the Board for the following:

### **Strategic Matters**

- Overseeing preparation of annual organizational Quality Improvement Plan in accordance with the *Excellent Care for All Act (2010)* and recommend to Board.
- Overseeing organizational participation in annual collaborative Quality Improvement Plan of Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team.
- Overseeing the organizational process for Accreditation and participation in the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team Accreditation.
- Advising the Board on matters pertaining to the overall quality and safety of patient care and services and as they relate to the strategic priorities of HPHA.

### **Governance Processes**

- Ensuring processes are in place to facilitate best practice and adherence to quality and patient safety standards in accordance with legislation, regulated Colleges and recognized external organizations including Accreditation Canada.
- Ensuring policies and systematic processes exist to effectively assess and improve the quality of care, programs and services.

### **Quality Monitoring**

- Monitoring and reporting on quality and patient safety issues and overall quality of services with respect to access to care, patient experience and safety.
- Reviewing, monitoring and evaluating the quality processes and performance indicators established or mandated for the performance of the organization under Service Accountability Agreements.
- Considering and making recommendations on quality improvement initiatives and policies to ensure quality objectives are met and maintained.
- Receiving recommendations from the Medical Advisory Committee regarding systemic or recurring quality of care issues
- Reviewing Accreditation reports and any plans required to be implemented to improve performance and correct deficiencies.

### **Risk Management**

- Receiving and reviewing quarterly an aggregated patient safety incident report about all patient safety incidents occurring at the hospital.
- Ensuring processes are in place to mitigate or reduce the risk of patient safety incidents.
- Performing any additional Committee responsibilities as outlined in the regulations of the *Excellent Care for All Act (2010)*.

### **Social Accountability**

- Ensuring organization's activities are aligned with the needs and values of the community with respect to access, equity, relevance, effectiveness, and quality.
- Committing to activities, to the extent possible, that extend beyond treating individual patients to understanding and addressing the broader social determinants of health that contribute to illness and disease.

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