



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Conference Room - HPHA Clinton Public Hospital

MINUTES

- Present: John Wilkinson, Chair
Jim Battle, Franklin Famme, Dr. Chuck Gatfield (virtual), Barry Hutton, Ron Lavoie, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, Kathy Lewis, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Kim Ross Jones, Greg Stewart, Bill Whetstone (virtual), Tricia Wilkerson, Andrew Williams, Mary Cardinal, Iris Michaels, Sue Davey
- Guests: Patient Story
Camerra Yuill Robar, Technical Manager, Laboratory
Ryan Itterman, Director Diagnostics, Regional Pharmacy & Chemotherapy
- Regrets: Steve Hearn, Dr. Ali Kara, Dr. Heather Percival, Lynanne Mason
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1. Welcome & Call to Order

John Wilkinson, Chair called the meeting to order and quorum was confirmed.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Ron Lavoie shared the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Franklin Famme, seconded by Kim Ross Jones:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the meeting agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts declared.

5. Patient Story

Camerra Yuill Robar shared a powerful story highlighting the collaboration between the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Nursing and Laboratory Teams, who played a vital role in supporting a critically ill youth during an urgent land transfer from the Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance to London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) for specialized treatment. As the ambulance made its way to London, staff from the HPHA Clinton Site, as well as the Goderich and Exeter hospitals, met the transport team en route, delivering an exceptional quantity of blood to sustain the patient. This remarkable display of dedication, coordination, and teamwork ensured the patient arrived at LHSC in stable condition—contributing to a positive outcome.

Camerra also highlighted the InterHospital Laboratory Partnership, a partnership of 16 hospitals focussing on improving efficiency through standardized practices across all sites, ultimately enhancing quality patient care. She emphasized the key role of the Stratford General Hospital Core Laboratory in managing blood inventory and ensuring inventory all sites are well-stocked and prepared for emergencies - such as the patient story shared this evening.

Ryan and Camerra excused themselves from the rest of the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1. March 6, 2025

It was moved by Ron Lavoie, seconded by Tricia Wilkerson:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held March 6, 2025.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Greg Stewart, seconded by Kathy Lewis:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the April 3, 2025 Consent Agenda that included reports from the:

- **Chief Nursing Executive**
- **President & Chief Executive Officer**
- **Patient & Caregiver Partners Program**

CARRIED

9. Governance

9.1. Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Kevin Lefebvre shared key updates from the Medical Advisory Committee meeting held on March 27, 2025. He noted that the Temporary Locum Program, a program that had offered financial incentives to support physician coverage in the Emergency Departments in St. Marys and Seaforth concluded on March 31, 2025. While the loss of funding may impact coverage, Dr. Lefebvre emphasized that the ongoing challenge remains the limited availability of physician resources, regardless of financial support.

Dr. Lefebvre noted that there is a regional initiative to move forward with centralized intake for imaging which could have an impact due to the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's (HPHA) lower wait times.

The HPHA requires all staff and physicians to be immunized for measles and is following up internally with those who do not have evidence of measles immunity on file. Screening protocols are in place across the HPHA. It was noted that 95% of cases in the province are in non-vaccinated individuals, mainly children.

Dr. Kevin Lefebvre excused himself from the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

10. New Business**10.1. HPHA Commitments to Our Communities****10.1.1. 2025-2026 Objectives**

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) 2025/2026 Commitments to Our Communities (strategic plan) was presented to the Board for consideration. The plan is aligned with the HPHA's focus of social accountability, digital innovation and system transformation, Quality Improvement Plan Change Plans and projects.

It was moved by Greg Stewart, seconded by Bill Whetstone:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the 2025/2026 Commitments to Our Communities.

CARRIED

10.2. Huron Perth Hospitals Leadership Meeting – Update

John Wilkinson provided highlights from the recent meeting of the Huron Perth Hospitals Leadership group which includes the Board Chair, President & CEO, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief of Staff from each organization. He noted strong relationships among the hospitals, enhancing their ability to collaborate effectively. In follow-up to the meeting, the Board Chairs and Vice Chairs have agreed to meet to share best practices in hospital governance.

11. In-Camera Session**11.1. Motion to Move to In-Camera Session**

It was moved by Kerri Ann O'Rourke, seconded by Tricia Wilkerson:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

11.2. Report from In-Camera Session

During the In-Camera Session the Board received a fiscal update and the credentialling report from the Medical Advisory Committee.

12. Directors Comments/Roundtable

The United Way Perth-Huron's Spirit of Community Celebration was held recently and the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance was honoured with second place as a Top 10 Workplace Employee Giving organization. Congratulations was extended to Franklin Famme and Famme & Co. for achieving third place.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors is June 5, 2025 at the Stratford General Hospital Site.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a MOTION by Tricia Wilkerson at 9:15 p.m.