



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2025
7:00 p.m.
By Zoom

MINUTES

Present: John Wilkinson, Chair
Jim Battle, Franklin Famme, Dr. Chuck Gatfield, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Ron Lavoie, Kathy Lewis, Lynanne Mason, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Dr. Heather Percival, Kim Ross Jones, Greg Stewart, Bill Whetstone, Tricia Wilkerson, Andrew Williams
Mary Cardinal, Iris Michaels, Sue Davey

Guests: Kelly Gillis, Caregiver
Bob Montgomery, Huron County News

Regrets: Dr. Ali Kara, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

Barry Hutton shared the Land Acknowledgement.

Andrew Williams highlighted that while Indigenous children make up 7.7% of the Canadian child population, they account for 52% of children in foster care.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Tricia Wilkerson, seconded by Greg Stewart:

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

Kelly Gillis shared a personal account of her mother's healthcare journey, highlighting both positive experiences and challenges faced by families. Her insights provide valuable perspectives on improving patient, caregiver, and family experiences in the healthcare system. Always Events were discussed and how staff can learn from hearing from patients and their families for patient-centred care and ensuring positive patient and caregiver experiences.

Kelly was thanked for sharing her impactful story and experience and excused herself for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1. February 6, 2025

It was moved by Barry Hutton, seconded by Kerri Ann O'Rourke:

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

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Kathy Lewis:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the March 6, 2025 Consent Agenda that included reports from the:

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

CARRIED

There was discussion about the Chief Nursing Executive Report as it relates to nursing surveys, staffing, career development, education, and the value recognized by the introduction of the Clinical Scholar role in supporting new nurses, as well as the impact of the pandemic on turnover rates.

9. Governance

9.1. Fiscal Advisory Committee

The Fiscal Advisory Committee met on February 20, 2025 and Tricia Wilkerson provided highlights. She shared that hospital leadership provided quarter 3 updates and reports to the union leaders and non-union reps on the HPHA's Commitments to Our Communities, 2024/2025 Fiscal Health and the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team.

9.2. Medical Advisory Committee

The Medical Advisory Committee met on February 27, 2025. Highlights from the meeting were included in the agenda package for information.

9.3. Quality & Social Accountability Committee

Kim Ross Jones presented highlights from the meeting held February 26, 2025. The Quality Improvement Plan change plans for 2025/2026 were reviewed and endorsed by the Committee.

It was moved by Kim Ross Jones, seconded by Bill Whetstone:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the four 2025/2026 Quality Improvement Plan Change Plans.

CARRIED

The Committee received a presentation on the introduction of patient registration kiosks in the Emergency Departments and Outpatient Programs. This initiative aims to improve efficiencies, communication, and patient experience, with the rollout scheduled to begin at the Clinton Site in late March.

10. New Business

10.1. HPHA Commitments to Our Communities

10.1.1. 2025-2026 Objectives

Andrew Williams presented the Board with an overview of the organizational priorities to be integrated into the 2025/2026 goals and objectives. The 2025/2026 Commitments to Our Communities plan will be brought forward for consideration at the April Board of Directors meeting.

10.1.2. Refresh

The Commitments to Our Communities document is being refreshed and engagement with staff, physicians, volunteers and system partners will help inform the process. A draft will be presented to the Board for further input and feedback with plans for the Board to approve in June and to be launched at the Annual Meeting in June.

11. Other Business

The Board discussed the potential impact of tariffs related to healthcare procurement and funding. Iris Michaels is participating in a provincial meeting related to this and will report back to the Board. It was noted that the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance has a number of partnerships with healthcare organizations in Huron Perth, including materials management support to a few long-term care homes.

12. In-Camera Session

12.1. Motion to Move to In-Camera Session

It was moved by Franklin Famme, seconded by Barry Hutton:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 8:19 p.m.

CARRIED

12.2. Report from In-Camera Session

During the In-Camera Session the Board received reports from the Medical Advisory Committee, a fiscal health update and the 2024 Public Sector Salary Disclosure report.

13. Directors Comments/Roundtable

There were no comments.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors is April 3, 2025 at the Clinton Public Hospital Site.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a MOTION by Ron Lavoie at 8:50 p.m.