Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room – HPHA Clinton Public Hospital

MINUTES

Present: John Wilkinson, Chair
Jim Battle, Franklin Famme, Dr. Gregg Hancock, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, Kathy Lewis, Lynanne Mason, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Kim Ross Jones, Greg Stewart, Bill Whetstone, Tricia Wilkerson
Mary Cardinal, Iris Michaels, Sue Davey

Regrets: Ron Lavoie, Dr. Jon Schiedel, Dr. Heather Percival, Andrew Williams

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1. Welcome & Call to Order
John Wilkinson, Board Chair called the meeting to order and quorum was confirmed.

2. Land Acknowledgement
Greg Stewart shared the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by Kathy Lewis, seconded by Steve Hearn:

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 declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Patient & Caregiver Partner Program

- Patient Story

Jim Battle introduced Rebecca Gonser, Manager of the Surgical Inpatient Unit, along with family members who attended the meeting and shared their experiences while their father/grandfather was a patient on the Surgical Inpatient Unit in Stratford. They described the progression of care from conservative management and high-risk treatment options, to palliative care, until their father/grandfather peacefully passed away. The family expressed profound gratitude for the care provided throughout this journey, acknowledging the compassion, professionalism, and dedication demonstrated by the many staff members who went above and beyond during his stay. They recognized Rebecca and her Team, and expressed their appreciation to all of the staff and physicians in both the Emergency Department and the Surgical Inpatient Unit for their compassionate care.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1. March 5, 2026

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

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held March 5, 2026.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Board Education/Focussed Discussion

- **Board's Role in Credentialing**

Dr. Kevin Lefebvre provided an overview of the Board's role in physician credentialing, highlighting its importance for patient safety, quality of care, and Board accountability. He reviewed the credentialing cycle, committee oversight, decision criteria, and the Board's authority in appointments, emphasizing credentialing as an ongoing governance responsibility supported by strong medical leadership.

9. In-Camera Session

9.1. Motion to Move to In-Camera Session

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Franklin Famme:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

9.2. Report from In-Camera Session

The Board received reports from the Medical Advisory and Resources, Audit & Digital Innovation Committees. Updates on the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Clinton Public Hospital Emergency Department and Huron Perth Regional Clinical Services Planning were received.

10. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Kim Ross Jones, seconded by Barry Hutton:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the April 9, 2026 Consent Agenda that included the following:

- **Leadership Reports:**
    - **Chief Nursing Executive**
    - **President & Chief Executive Officer**
- **Patient Experience & Engagement Report**

CARRIED

11. Governance

11.1. Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Lefebvre presented the report from the Medical Advisory Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026. He highlighted the Schulich Clerkship Program being explored by the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance and the benefits of the Patient Flow Navigator role. Dr. Lefebvre recognized Dr. Chuck Gatfield who has stepped down from the role of Site

Chief at the St. Marys Memorial Hospital, and welcomed Dr. Jon Schiedel who will be taking on this role and will be attending Board of Directors meetings going forward.

Franklin Famme left the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

12. New Business

12.1. HPHA Commitments to Our Communities

12.1.1. 2026-2027 Objectives

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) 2026/2027 Commitments to Our Communities was presented to the Board at the last meeting, and this has been finalized by leadership. The plan aligns with the HPHA's refreshed strategic goals and commitments for 2025-2028, as well as the Quality Improvement Plan Change Plans and HPHA priorities.

It was moved by Tricia Wilkerson, seconded by Kathy Lewis:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the 2026/2027 Commitments to Our Communities.

CARRIED

12.2. Huron Perth Hospitals Leadership Meeting – Update

John Wilkinson provided highlights from the meeting held on March 24, 2026. This group includes the Board Chair, President & CEO, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief of Staff from each hospital. He noted that the hospitals have common challenges, and this forum provides opportunities for sharing of information and best practices.

13. Directors Comments/Roundtable

Directors had nothing further to share.

14. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting
    - *June 4, 2026 at HPHA Stratford General Hospital*
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Annual & Special Members Meeting
    - *June 17, 2026 at Mitchell Golf & Country Club*
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board Advance
    - *June 19, 2026 at Arden Park Hotel, Stratford*

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:15 p.m.