



## Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

### MINUTES

- Present: Ron Lavoie, Chair  
Gary Austin, Dick Burgess, Dr. Chuck Gatfield, Joani Gerber, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, Joe Looby, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Dr. Heather Percival, Dr. Nadine Potvin, Kim Ross Jones, Rena Spevack, Andrew Williams, Deborah Wiseman, John Wolfe  
Mary Cardinal  
Ken Haworth  
Sue Davey, Recorder
- Regrets: Jack Alblas, Dr. Candi Flynn, Dr. Tyler Rouse
- Guests: Catherine Walsh, Manager Therapies & Professional Practice  
Bob Montgomery, CKNX

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#### 1. **Welcome & Call to Order**

Board Chair Ron Lavoie called the meeting to order, acknowledged and welcomed guests to the meeting, and quorum was confirmed.

Deborah Wiseman, the new Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive was introduced and welcomed by the Board.

#### 2. **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Joe Looby, seconded by Rena Spevack:

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda circulated.**

**CARRIED**

#### 3. **Focused Discussion**

##### **The Role of Public Health In Pandemic Response, Dr. Miriam Klassen**

Dr. Miriam Klassen, Huron Perth Public Health's (HPPH) Medical Officer of Health shared an overview of public health's role and mandate, along with their role during the pandemic. She shared a detailed slide deck.

In regards to the pandemic, the HPPH has been extremely busy leading local implementation of public health measures and continues to liaise with the acute healthcare system in a number of ways including regular communication and keeps the community updated through the media, their website and social networks. Planning is currently underway to prepare for and lead local implementation of COVID-19

vaccination which will hopefully start in the first quarter of 2021. Dr. Klassen recognized the local response of healthcare partners working together to respond to COVID-19.

On behalf of the Board, Andrew Williams extended his thanks to Dr. Klassen and her team for their hard work in our region, especially related to their response to the pandemic.

**4. Patient Story**

Catherine Walsh, Manager of Therapies and Professional Practice shared stories from the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's Spiritual Care Provider and a Social Worker. These stories related to adapting care during Covid and providing the best possible patient experience in the face of challenges including family and caregiver presence restrictions, community spiritual care limitations, loss of volunteers and patient loneliness.

Catherine was thanked for sharing these impactful stories with the Board and departed the meeting.

**5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was no conflict of interest declared by any members.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**6.1 November 5, 2020**

It was moved by Gary Austin, seconded by Dick Burgess:

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held November 5, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**7. COVID-19 Update**

Andrew Williams provided an update and reported that an outbreak has been declared on the Medicine Unit at the Stratford Site. He noted that patient and family caregiver presence is now restricted on the unit with exceptions for compassionate reasons. The unit is closed to new admissions and the outbreak will affect planned discharges. The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Infection Prevention and Control team is supporting patients and staff members. All safety measures are in place and prevalence swabbing is being done. Communications have been circulated to the Board and will continue to be shared as information is available.

Andrew reported that the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance has implemented surgical pre-operative swabbing for patients undergoing a general anaesthesia or a spinal that may revert to general to protect the patients and staff.

## 8. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Kerri Ann O'Rourke, seconded by John Wolfe:

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the December 3, 2020 Consent Agenda that included reports from the:**

- Chief Nursing Executive
- President & Chief Executive Officer

**CARRIED**

### Alliance Chief of Staff Report

Dr. Lefebvre acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the physicians and staff that supported and provided care during the Cedarcroft outbreak. Discussions are ongoing and plans for ramp-down of services if required will be step-wise rather than lockdown measures, along with cohorting patients and staff. Discussions regionally with hospital partners are ongoing about how to support each other during Covid.

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

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors accepts the Alliance Chief of Staff Report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## 9. Governance

### 9.1 Board Committee Reports

#### 9.1.1 Local Advisory Committees

##### Clinton Public Hospital

Dick Burgess presented the report from the meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> for informational purposes. He noted that the traditional Gift of Lights Celebration is being held as a drive-by lighting of the tree. The Clinton and area community were commended for their successful Radiothon Campaign which generated over \$65K in support of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation.

##### St. Marys Memorial Hospital

The St. Marys Local Advisory Committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the report was presented by Kim Ross Jones for informational purposes. She noted the resignation of Krista Linklater who was the Executive Director of the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation and recognized her for her dedication and hard work with the "Someone I Know" Campaign towards the expansion of the Wellness Centre.

##### Seaforth Community Hospital

The Seaforth Local Advisory Committee met on November 16<sup>th</sup> and there was no quorum. The summary was circulated for informational purposes.

##### Stratford General Hospital

Rena Spevack presented the detailed report from the meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup> for informational purposes.

#### 9.1.2 Medical Advisory Committee

The Medical Advisory Committee met on November 26<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Lefebvre presented the meeting highlights that were pre-circulated for informational purposes.

### 9.1.3 Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team

The Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team continues to meet and move forward with implementation. Draft Terms of Reference for three committees were circulated with the President and CEO report to include:

- Board-to-Board Reference Group
- Implementation Committee
- Planning and Priority Committee

The Board was asked to review and provide feedback. The Terms of Reference will be finalized for the January large group meeting of the HPA-OHT.

The partner agreement template was shared in the agenda package as well and a draft is being finalized to be circulated to the HPA-OHT boards for review, discussion and input. An engagement session to review and discuss the agreement will be arranged in January for the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Board of Directors.

The HPA-OHT has set indicators to include:

- Favourably “Shift” 30-day hospital readmission rates for acute congestive heart failure patients in the HPA-OHT.
- 80% of Mental Health and Addictions community interactions by the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team diverted from ED.
- Greater than 90% adoption rate of standardised IPAC policies and procedures across HPA-OHT partner organizations.

Confirmation of funding has been received from the Ministry (\$375K for 2020/2021/\$750K for next year). Since the HPHA (Stratford General Hospital) is the funder, a Transfer Payment Agreement has been received for sign off to the Ministry for the funds. A draft budget will be brought forward to the HPA-OHT large group meeting in December.

Bob Montgomery departed the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

## 10. In-Camera Session

### 10.1 Motion to Move to In-Camera Session

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by John Wolfe:

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 8:15 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

### 10.2 Motion to Move out of In-Camera Session

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

**THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move out of the in-camera session at 8:58 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 Report from In-Camera Session

During the In-Camera Session, the Board received the Medical Advisory Committee report, an update on the Clinton Public Hospital Emergency Department and discussed a community issue.

**11. Directors Comments/Roundtable**

There were no further comments to share.

**12. Next Meetings**

The next Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned on a MOTION by John Wolfe at 9:00 p.m.