



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Ron Lavoie, Chair
Jack Alblas, Gary Austin, Dr. Candi Flynn, Joani Gerber, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, Joe Looby, Dr. Nadine Potvin, Kim Ross Jones, Dr. Alistair Smith, Greg Stewart, Tricia Wilkerson, John Wilkinson, Andrew Williams, Deborah Wiseman, Mary Cardinal, Ken Haworth, Sue Davey

Regrets: Dr. Chuck Gatfield, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Dr. Heather Percival

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Tricia Wilkerson:

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

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest declared by any members.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 August 5, 2021

It was moved by Kim Ross Jones, seconded by Gary Austin:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held August 5, 2021.

CARRIED

4.2 September 2, 2021

It was moved by Barry Hutton, seconded by Steve Hearn:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the Organizational Meeting held September 2, 2021.

CARRIED

5. Patient Experience/Engagement Report to Board

• Patient Story

Samantha Green, Social Worker at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance shared a very moving patient story by video of working with an individual who had a difficult medical journey, was admitted to hospital with a terminal illness and moved forward with Medical Assistance in Dying. She explained how the team pulled together, along with the patients' family, friends and community, to help fulfill the patient's bucket list, thereby putting the patient at peace for their end of life. Samantha expressed her pride in the team, talked about vicarious resiliency and the effect this has on her profession, and how grateful she was to be part of this patient's experience.

• Patient & Caregiver Partner Program Update

Joani Gerber recognized the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors for their leadership and appointing a Patient Partner to their membership. She provided an update on the Patient & Caregiver Partner Program. The Patient Partnership Council will be transitioning to a Patient & Caregiver Program that better reflects the role that these volunteers play, and a summary of their activities was circulated with the report in the agenda package. The details for the new structure will be presented to the Senior Team at a future date.

6. Board Education

• Let's Get You Home Initiative

Julie Houben, Director Quality & Risk provided an overview of the "Let's Get You Home" initiative that has been introduced at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) to support patient discharge from hospital quickly and safely to home or an alternate care setting. This initiative aligns with HPHA's patient flow principles, priorities and policy, and the HPHA works with partners in the system to coordinate and integrate across the system ensuring that people receive their care in the right place. Julie reported that the Right Person Right Location Right Time priority that is part of the HPHA's Commitments to Our Communities has set a goal to achieve a 10% reduction of head to bed time for 2021/2022 at HPHA by March 31, 2022.

There was discussion and Julie explained how the whole healthcare team along with their family/caregiver are part of the dialogue during the patient journey, along with the importance of consistent messaging that helps with transitions. Plans are put into place early during a patient's hospital stay for their transition out of hospital, and discussion takes place with external partners on a weekly basis to review potential barriers and solutions that help to avoid bottlenecks in the system. Involving family/caregivers in discharge planning helps them to provide supports when patients leave hospital.

7. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jack Alblas, seconded by Joe Looby:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the September 9, 2021 Consent Agenda that included reports from the:

- Chief Nursing Executive
- Alliance Chief of Staff
- President & Chief Executive Officer

CARRIED

There was discussion and it was noted that HPHA is supporting Huron Perth Sub-Region partners as well as we as other sites in Kitchener-Waterloo and Cambridge for obstetrical services due to human resources challenges at those hospitals with no short-term solutions identified. In terms of vaccination stats included in the Chief Nursing Executive report, Deborah Wiseman explained that vaccinated individuals can still contract COVID-19 although those hospitalized are individuals who are immunosuppressed or have other co-morbidities, and these are the individuals who will be prioritized to be considered for third doses of vaccination.

8. Governance

8.1 Board Committee Reports

8.1.1 Local Advisory Committees

Clinton Public Hospital

Greg Stewart presented the report from the meeting held on August 18th for informational purposes. He noted that the Committee received a detailed presentation and held discussion regarding the ongoing recruitment and retention challenges of nursing staff being experienced in the Emergency Department.

St. Marys Memorial Hospital

The St. Marys Local Advisory Committee met on August 17th and the report was presented by Kim Ross Jones for informational purposes.

Seaforth Community Hospital

The Seaforth Local Advisory Committee met on September 8th and Mary Cardinal provided a verbal report. The Committee received an update on site specific activity and the “Let’s Get You Home” presentation from Julie Houben that was shared with the Board this evening. She noted that the Stroke Rehabilitation beds that were temporarily located at the Seaforth Site to create capacity at the Stratford Site were moved back to Stratford in late July.

Stratford General Hospital

Jack Alblas presented the detailed report from the meeting held August 25th that was included in the agenda package. He shared that the Stratford Local Advisory Committee (LAC) fully supported Board and LAC members being included in the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance’s COVID-19 Immunization Policy. The Policy released on September 7th includes all volunteers including these groups.

9. In-Camera Session

9.1 Motion to Move to In-Camera Session

It was moved by John Wilkinson, seconded by Kim Ross Jones:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

9.2 Motion to Move out of In-Camera Session

It was moved by Jack Alblas, seconded by Kim Ross Jones:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move out of the in-camera session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

9.3 Report from In-Camera Session

During the In-Camera Session the Board received an update regarding the Clinton Public Hospital Emergency Department and the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance COVID-19 Immunization Policy as it relates to visitors, family and caregivers.

10. Directors Comments/Roundtable

- “Let’s Get You Home” initiative will continue to evolve to include more partners within the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:47 p.m.