

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

September 27, 2022

Dr. Kerr Clark: A Tribute

A tribute to Dr. Kerr Clark's life was provided. It was recognized that he was an outstanding member of the HDH community. His life history was shared with the group along with all of the ways he contributed to HDH throughout the years. HDH was honoured to care for him in his final days; his selfless devotion will never be forgotten. Information was provided for the Celebration of Life planned for October 6, 2022.

Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (GB OHT) Update

- Executive Director was filled in August to support OHT endeavours.
- Work groups are working to address defined performance indicators and targets to develop strategies to support priority populations.
- Possibility of creation of Retention and Recruitment Committee to address health human resource challenges.

Clinical Regional Outlook – Emergency Departments (ED)

- A Grey-Bruce Sub-Region Team has been developed with South West Hospital partners who have recognized the urgent need to ensure hospitals work together to be system partners to address the urgent ED pressures.
- Next steps include developing strategies and solutions to present to the South West ED Transformational Steering Committee.

Physician Recruitment Update

- A professional recruiter has been hired to assist in the recruitment of ED physicians.
- The Joint Physician Recruitment Committee had an inaugural meeting in September including HDH, the Town of Hanover, The Hanover & District Hospital Foundation and Hanover Medical Associates.

Restorative Care Unit (RCU) Beds

- The Board approved a recommendation to discontinue the designation of two RCU beds with the continuation of utilizing these two beds as acute medicine beds.

Board Chair Report

A written report was provided in the agenda highlighted the previous months events/meetings the Board Chair attended.

President and Chief Executive Officer Report

- Ontario Health (OH), the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) have worked together to develop an action plan focusing on five strategic goals to support health system stabilization and recovery for the fall.
- A Long Term Care (LTC) Transitions Committee was established with hospital in the South West Region and Community and LTC partners. This group will focus on transition of care between Hospitals and LTC's and how patients can be supported.
- HDH is preparing for changes that have been introduced under the *Public Hospitals Act* via Bill 7. HDH will be working with Home and Community Support Service and other hospital partners on how this new legislation will be implemented.
- Revisions to Board Policy # 203 – Emergency Department Closure were accepted to the Board. These revisions were made to prepare for the possibility of a closure over the summer.

Finance/Audit and Property Committee Report

The Finance/Audit & Property Committee met on September 22, 2022 and reviewed the financial statements for the 5th period ending August 31, 2022. At the end of August YTD there was a deficit of \$8,067 before amortization and an YTD deficit of \$136,250 after building amortization.

Quality Governance and Risk Management

The Quality Governance and Risk Management Committee received a patient story, first quarter updates for goals and objectives, first quarter patient and staff safety reports, the HIROC Risk Assessment and results from the Ontario Hospital Association Board Self-Evaluation.

Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

- HDH has recently renewed its partnership with Georgian College. A number of potential opportunities were identified that may lead to a more enhanced student presence in our patient care areas in the future.
- HDH Flex Clinic hours have been expanded to keep pace with growing demands. The initial trial period for this pilot project is coming and HDH continue to work with the South West LHIN Home and Community Care Support Services to evaluate the viability of the clinic and potentially extend the contract.
- HDH has increased a number of “Grow Your Own” opportunities to create an enhanced skillset from within. This includes specialized training as a Registered Nurse First Assist (RNFA). There have also been opportunities created within for tuition reimbursement and clinical experience for Perioperative Nursing.

Hanover & District Hospital Foundation (HDHF) Report

- HDHF was proud to be a part of the first Rural Medicine Retreat. 35 doctors and residents were hosted to experience our beautiful region and make connections.
- Through the 50/50 draw at the Hanover Raceway \$669 was raised toward the Laparoscopic Tower Campaign.
- The Spring appeal raised a total of \$25,127 with Scotiabank matching donations up to \$3,000.

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