

 HANOVER &  
DISTRICT  
HOSPITAL  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022

**TIME:** 1700 hours

**PLACE:** GoToMeeting

**PRESENT:** **Voting Governors:** Lorna Eadie Hocking (Chair), Tina Shier (Co-Vice Chair), Corwin Leifso (Co-Vice Chair), Tim Kraemer (Treasurer), Terry Leis, Pamela Matheson, Chris Prues, Cathy Rahn,

**Non-Voting Governors:** Dana Howes (President and CEO), Michelle Scime-Summers (Vice President of Patient Care Services/CNO), Dr. Randy Montag (Chief of Staff), Dr. Nick Abell (President of Medical Staff), Dr. Tim Heerema (Vice President of Medical Staff)

**Invited Staff:** Kim Mighton (Vice President of Finance & Operations), Victoria Cumming (Recording Secretary)

**GUESTS:** Dr. Susan Batten

**REGRETS:** **Voting Governors:**  
**Non-Voting Governors:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

L. Eadie Hocking called the meeting to order at 1700 hours.

**2. OPENING REMARKS**

L. Eadie Hocking welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared opening remarks. Highlighted an announcement of HDH's Accreditation Canada achievement of Exemplary status made at the Hanover Town Council meeting and acknowledged Tim Kramer for achieving 5 years of service on the Board.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

MOTION CARRIED

**4. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared and the group was reminded to declare a conflict of interest should one arise.

**5. MISSION, VISION, VALUES**

The Board reviewed the Mission, Vision, and Values and were asked to keep them in mind throughout the meeting.

**6. PRESENTATION: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD)**

Dr. Susan Batten was introduced to the group and provided a presentation highlighting the Medical Assistance in Dying legislation which included the following;

- Expectations of the presentation;
- Data (2017 & 2020 comparison) including total MAiD deaths in Ontario, break downs of deaths, provider information, demographics and where MAiD occurs;
- Health Canada report of MAiD deaths;
- Summary of Bill C-14;
- The Update Bill C7 – March 17, 2021;

- Risks associated with MAiD; and
- Conscientious objection.

Questions;

- Do many people qualify after the first assessment? A MAiD discussion is a good opportunity to change the patients mind and provide alternative care for pain. Some patients want more information and don't pursue any further. Around 30-40% don't pursue MAiD after the initial assessment.
- Is there push back from family members? Almost all families are positive and supportive to the patient's own personal views.
- Will the mental health aspect be looked into further? Mental health has been a big conversation that has proved to be controversial. There are many providers that don't want to be involved when mental health is at play. It will come back to the table for discussion and you may see further discussion in regards to people under 18 years of age as well. The Netherlands have been doing MAiD for 30 years and we look to them for possible future developments.

*Dr. S. Batten left the meeting.*

**7. STRATEGIC MATTERS**

**7.1 Grey-Bruce Ontario Health Team Update**

D. Howes provided a briefing note in the agenda that highlighted current update on the work being completed including the Collaborative Decision Making Arrangement (CDMA), Strategic Planning & Engagement, Community Information Session Series, Chairs' Council Terms of Reference and Collaborative Quality Improvement Plan (cQIP).

**8. OFFICER REPORTS**

**8.1 Board Chair Report**

L. Eadie Hocking provided a written report in the agenda highlighted the previous months events/meetings attended. There was no further discussion.

**8.2 President/CEO Report**

D. Howes provided a written report in the agenda and highlighted;

- Official notification was received January 10, 2022 that the hospital has been accredited with Exemplary Standing. In recognition of the achievement, HDH will be celebrating "Exemplary Week" to recognize staff for their contributions;
- Since the initial announcement in November of resuming the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) process there has been no further instruction received. HDH will move forward to develop quality goals internally that align with the strategic plan;
- HDH continues to work closely with regional hospital and community partners to ensure that there is hospital capacity for patients. HDH has been actively working with the southwest hospital group to ensure that there are beds in our system and repatriating patients from tertiary sites when needed. With extreme staffing pressures and the large influx of COVID-19 patients it is important that hospital work as a system to ensure that patients get the care they need. HDH has been faced with moderate staffing pressures but have been able to sustain staff/patient ratios overall on the Acute Care Unit; and
- COVID-19 pandemic projections were shared with the group for the latest wave. It is expected that capacity pressures will continue for the next 4-6 weeks.

It was asked if there will be any further opening of services. HDH continues to operate under Directive 2. Pressure continues to be on general medicine beds with Ontario at 108% capacity while facing staff isolation pressures. In other regions, long-term care beds are starting to open

back up. Grey Bruce Public Health has not changed policy on that. Opening long-term care beds would help lighten bed pressures in hospitals.

## 9. **BUSINESS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **9.1 Finance/Audit & Property Committee Report**

T. Kraemer reported that the Finance/Audit & Property Committee met on January 20, 2022 and reviewed the finance and property report for the 9th period ending December 31, 2021. There was a surplus before amortization of \$211,110 and a YTD surplus of \$2,978 after building amortization. Various projects have been completed in December including the completion of the mammography machine room renovation and installation, a second water main install and installation of new pumps for the chiller.

The Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) for 2022-23 was reviewed and is recommended to the Board for approval as presented by the Finance/Audit & Property Committee. K. Mighton provided an update that communication was received from Ontario Health that the HAPS process is cancelled. The HAPS will be an internal budget only this year again and will not be submitted to the Ministry.

Moved and Seconded

***THAT the HDH Board of Governors accept the Hospital Annual Planning Submission for 2022-23 as presented.***

MOTION CARRIED

### **9.2 Fiscal Advisory Committee Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **9.3 Public Relations Committee Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **9.4 By-Law Committee Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **9.5 Nominating Committee Report**

T. Shier reported that the Nominating Committee met on December 13, 2021 and January 18, 2022. Targeted letters were distributed with no applications received to date. A community announcement has been created for Probus and service clubs in the area to share with their members. Municipalities and the Town of Hanover will be asked to post on their websites as well.

An informational pamphlet is being developed to be used as a recruitment tool for those who require more information about being a board member. Nomination forms have been sent out to the three members up for election and two have signed back indicating they will stand for re-election in the upcoming year.

## 10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was asked if a presentation can be done in the future in regards to the process to apply to the Ministry to receive funding for a capital project.

Moved and Seconded

**THAT the items on the consent agenda are approved as follows;**

**10.1** Open Board Session Minutes – November 30, 2021

**10.2** **Board Committee Reports**

(a) Finance/Audit & Property Committee Minutes – November 25, 2021

(b) Quality Governance & Risk Management Committee Minutes – November 30, 2021

(c) Medical Advisory Committee – December 2, 2021

**10.3 Reports**

(a) Finance & Property Report

(b) VP of Patient Care Services/CNO Report

(c) Chief of Staff Report

(d) Foundation Report

**10.4 Correspondence**

(a) Article –Walkerton Herald Times

(b) Town of Hanover – Council Resoution

(c) Article – Toronto Star

(d) Patient Thank You Letter

MOTION CARRIED

**11. ROUND TABLE**

Multiple congratulatory messages were received in regards to being awarded “Accredited with Exemplary” status this month.

***Dr. T. Heerema***

Questioned if there have been any complaints about the current visiting policy. No official complaints have been received but extenuating circumstances have been reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:00pm

**13. COMPLETION OF BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

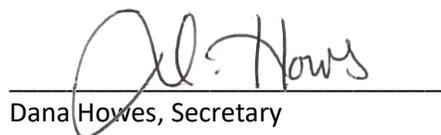
L. Eadie Hocking reminded the group to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1756 hours.

  
Lorna Eadie Hocking, Chair

  
Victoria Cumming, Recorder

  
Dana Howes, Secretary