

NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 3, 2018
Boardroom
MINUTES

Present: B. Selby, Chair; D. Slater, M. McAllister, T. McLean, D. Mann, M. Vaughan, L. Kay, M. Bhargava, A. Stratford, S. Olsen, T. Hathway, P. Went, J. Russell, C. Gilmer, B. Carmen, L. Davis, S. Walsh, C. Tozer

B. Gutteridge, B. Gerber, D. Morrison, A. Logan, B. Nixon

Staff: E. Vosburgh, J. Wright

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. Selby called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Dr. F. Mulé, and M. Hill, Program Director, attended the meeting to review the new updates in Palliative Care and Chronic Pain Management. NHH, through the leadership of Dr. Mulé, is focusing on further developing access to palliative care and chronic pain services in the hospital and community in liaison with the community palliative care team. The focus on individual and the symptoms of that individual will include the people surrounding the patient to improve the patient's quality of life.

M. Hill outlined that the team includes members of the hospital's palliative care unit, professional practice leaders, palliative care registered nurses, the acute care manger, the hospital social workers, cancer care nurse navigator and the cancer care unit manager. All members are focused on the concept of palliative care and how to enhance the services provided within the hospital and across the health-care sectors. The quality based provincial standards are used as the guiding framework for NHH.

Dr. Mulé noted that the NHH palliative care nurses are very skilled in their work and able to have those difficult conversations with patients and families on advanced care planning.

The Board queried on the possible goal to provide palliative care at home. The palliative care community team is developing stronger connections within the community; Home and Community Care is the first contact currently for patients looking for these services in the home.

M. Hill reported, in response to a query, that the inclusion of a bioethicist on the palliative care team is part of discussions at the Ethics Practice Committee along with addressing ethical issues such as consent.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

It was Moved by L. Kay and Seconded by M. McAllister to approve the Consent Agenda matters as circulated. Carried.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

5.1 Report from the Board Chair

B. Selby reported on the funding announcement from MPP Lou Rinaldi that NHH will receive \$2.3 million in base funding support and \$1.8 million in one-time surge bed funding.

B. Selby extended her thanks on behalf of the Board to Dr. Bhargava for organizing the CIS presentation from Dr. J. Theal. Thanks also extended to all the members of the Board and management who participated in the Board Planning Session last month.

B. Selby, along with senior management, attended the Cobourg Polices Services award night where NHH accepted a plaque from the police recognizing the partnership between the two organizations.

Arthur's Pub is holding a fundraiser on this same date (May 3rd) with 10% of proceeds after 9:00 pm to benefit the NHH Foundation.

5.2 Report from the Senior Staff

L. Davis highlighted the report that was pre-circulated.

NHH staff and members of the Board have participated in active shooter training delivered by Cobourg Police Services. Both hospital-wide and department exercises received positive feedback from police services.

Doctor Appreciation Week runs April 30th to May 4th. NHH joins in recognizing the fantastic work of local physicians on Doctors' Day, May 1st 2018 and through the first week of May.

L. Davis reminded all that the hospital's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21st at 5:00 pm in the education center.

5.3 Report from the Governance Committee

P. Went provided the report of the Governance Committee.

The OHA Governance Centre of Excellence survey for Boards is now available for completion. Members of the NHH Board are requested to complete the survey by May 17th to ensure results are available for the review by the current members of the Board. P. Went outlined that the Board policies checklist, as recommended within the Guide to Good Governance, has been reviewed and the appropriate NHH policies are in place.

5.4 Report from the NHH Auxiliary

P. Page Hoisak provided the report of the NHH Auxiliary.

The NHH Auxiliary recently hosted a conference for Auxiliary volunteers through the CE LHIN with attendance of over 120 volunteers from across the central east region. Volunteers across the LHIN have raised about \$95 million for their respective hospitals.

L. Davis extended her congratulations to P. Page Hoisak on a successful Auxiliary event and J. Russell offered his thanks as P. Page Hoisak retires as President of the NHH Auxiliary for her recognition of the untapped potential of NHH volunteers.

5.5 Report of the NHH Foundation

T. Hathway provided the report of the NHH Foundation.

Cobourg's newest sports bar, Turtle John's, has a new grand opening of May 13th with 50% of proceeds to benefit the NHH Foundation.

The Foundation's strategic planning committee is bringing forward a recommendation for a firm to lead the development of their new strategic plan.

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 133 presented the NHH Foundation with a donation of \$18,000. As well, an estate gift of \$307,000 was received this week.

<p>It was Moved by M. McAllister and Seconded by J. Russell to receive all reports. Carried.</p>

B. Selby extended her congratulations to Board Director Catharine Tozer for her recent award as Port Hope's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

6. IN CAMERA

On a motion from M. McAllister and Seconded by T. McLean, the meeting moved to In-camera. The in-camera meeting addressed matters related to medical human resources and year-end financial matters.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2018.

8. TERMINATION

The meeting was terminated at 7:06 pm on a motion by M. McAllister.