

## Joseph Brant Hospital Board of Directors

### **\*\*MEETING HIGHLIGHTS\*\***

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on **Wednesday June 2, 2021**.

Reports were received from the Quality, Finance & Audit, Human Resources Policy & Compensation, Governance & Nominating and Medical Advisory Committees. The President & CEO, Chief of Staff and Chief Nursing Executive also provided reports to the Board.

Dom Mercuri shared fond memories of his time on the Board over the past 10 years as he rotates off the Board on June 15, 2021 at the Annual General Meeting. Debra Carey, Frank Whelan and Atul Chandra are also scheduled to retire off the Board this year.

#### **Board Approvals**

- Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2021;
- 2020/21 Quality Improvement Plan Final Report;
- 2021/22 Nominations Report for recommendation to the JBH Membership at the Annual General Meeting;
- Cross-appointment of a member of the Patient & Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to the Quality Committee of the Board in the 2022/23 year subject to establishing role clarity for position. The position will be subject to annual appointment/re-appointment;
- JBH Audited Financials for year ended March 31, 2021;
- Appointment of Deloitte LLP as external JBH Auditors for recommendation to the JBH Membership at the Annual General Meeting;
- Consent Agenda Items (Governance Policies amendments, 2021/22 Committee Work Plans and 2021/22 Board Expenses Budget.

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- The Board received a brief COVID Update on vaccination rates in Halton Region.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
  - Management's focus over the next few months will be on ramping up scheduled care but it will also be important that Physicians and staff take time to recharge over the summer months; The Hospital remains at the ready if anything should change;
  - Management is starting to shift its focus on what post-COVID will look like;
  - Management also continues to focus on financial sustainability to achieve a balanced budget;
  - Post-pandemic, the key focus for hospital leadership will be to spend time with staff to listen and understand staff experiences in order to inform changes moving ahead.
- Highlights of the Professional Practice Report, which was co-presented by the Chief of Staff and Chief Nursing Executive, as follows:
  - The final leadership meeting with Tyndall has been held and that work is now complete.
  - Virtual Nursing Town Halls have resumed and continue to be well received by Physicians and staff.

- Plans are underway for Diversity & Inclusion training for staff and physicians which will be required learning to be completed by the end of the year.
- The Quality Committee reported on the final report of the 2020/21 Quality Improvement Plan. All but one target have been achieved. The ALC rates continue to be a challenge for all hospitals and this will remain a target on the 2021/22 Quality Improvement Plan.
- The Governance & Nominating Committee reported on the 2021 nominations process which was very successful with two names being put forward for appointment to the Board. Five new Directors (in total) are being put forward for appointment at the Annual General Meeting, 3 of which were appointed mid-term.
- The Finance & Audit Committee reported on its meeting with the Auditors to review the Audit Report. The Auditors have issued a clean audit. The Board reviewed the year-end financials and the hospital is reporting a surplus at year end, subject to the Ministry's reconciliation of year-end funding. The Ministry has acknowledged the organization's operating pressures.
- The Hospital Foundation gave a brief overview of its post-pandemic strategic priorities as it enters into its final year of the current Strategic Plan.
- Dr. David Charland, President of the Medical Staff Association and Dr. Salina Juma, Vice President of the Medical Staff Association presented a brief update on the MSA. The medical staff is starting to think about post-COVID following a rough time during the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the pandemic. Dr. Charland and Dr. Juma will stay on as President and Vice President of the MSA for the coming year.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday June 15, 2021 @ 4:00pm via ZOOM