

## Joseph Brant Hospital Board of Directors

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

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on **Wednesday September 29, 2021**.

Reports were received from the Digital Health Strategy, 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. The Hospital Foundation also updated the Board.

#### **Board Approvals**

- Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2021, July 31, 2021 and August 31, 2021.
- Consent Agenda Items (Governance Policies; 2021/22 Board & Committee Membership; Digital Health Strategy Terms of Reference).
- Decision-Making Framework & Principles for digital health projects.

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- The Board received an update on the COVID Risk which is a new corporate risk added to the JBH IRM risk register.
- The Chair advised that due to COVID, the October Board Retreat has been postponed and timing will be reviewed in the Spring 2022.
- The Board received a special presentation on Hospital Funding which was an item that was identified as a suggested topic for Board Education.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
  - Top of mind are: health human resources shortages throughout the healthcare sector which is likely not a short-term problem;
  - Staff and Physician wellness initiatives will continue to provide the support that is needed post-pandemic;
  - Significant efforts are underway to obtain government approval of the Hospital's Mental Health & Addictions Redevelopment and Expansion project. A strategic communications campaign is underway to raise awareness throughout the community of the importance for Mental Health & Addictions services in the Burlington.
- The Board reviewed the Professional Practice Report co-presented by the CNE and COS.
- The Digital Health Strategy Committee held its inaugural meeting on September 27, 2021. To facilitate the Committee's decision-making to carry out its mandate, the DHS recommended that the Board Decision-Making Criteria and Board Accountability Statement be adopted as the decision-making framework and principles for digital health projects.
- The Quality Committee met on September 28, 2021 and received special presentations on: the JBH Simulation Program; the work of the Facilities/BioMed Department; and the JBH Mat/Child Program.
- The Governance & Nominating Committee is undertaking recruitment on behalf of the Digital Health Strategy Committee for external expertise to further augment that Committee's membership.

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- The Finance & Audit Committee met on September 28, 2021. The Hospital's cash flow position is good with no concerns. The FAC also reported that the Ministry is conducting reconciliations for the previously reported Working Capital funding.
- Dr. David Charland, President of the Medical Staff Association and Dr. Salina Juma, Vice President of the Medical Staff Association gave a brief update to the Board noting that medical staff are exhausted after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of the pandemic, and continue to provide high quality care to the patients that we serve. Grand Rounds are also restarting in November 2021 with a continued focus on staff wellness.
- The Foundation updated the Board on the Gifts of Gratitude project. A. Hilborn also reported that the Join-the-J campaign had surpassed its \$60k goal to assist the Hospital's programs and services.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday November 24, 2021 @ 1:00pm via ZOOM