

Joseph Brant Hospital Board of Directors

****MEETING HIGHLIGHTS****

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on **Wednesday January 26, 2022**.

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.

Board Approvals

- Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
- Consent Agenda Items: Governance Policies; Hospital Assets Committee (HAC) Terms of Reference.
- Mental Health & Addictions Redevelopment Project Capital Campaign;
- Audit Plan for the 2021/22 audit year.

Meeting Highlights

- The Board received an update from Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada (HIROC) on the hospital's liability coverage, premium history and claims trends in the healthcare sector and JBH-specific, confirming that JBH liability coverage is on par with subscriber hospitals across Canada. Also, JBH claims loss ratio is performing better than its peers.
- The Board also received a COVID update and an update on the Hospital's Accreditation survey which had been scheduled for November 2022. Given other conflicting priorities in the organization, a request has been made for an extension to 2023.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
 - JBH continues to experience staffing challenges due to a systemic shortage of health human resources but also due to the severity of the Omicron wave of the pandemic and its impact on staffing;
 - There continues to be advocacy with Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health around the hospital's structural deficit.
- The Board received a special update on the Mental Health & Addictions Redevelopment Project. Given the significant need in the community, the Foundation has been engaged regarding the needs of the Mental Health & Addictions Program and they are prepared to launch a capital campaign in support of this. A request was made to both Boards to lend its support. A formal request was made by the Hospital Board that the Hospital Foundation launch a capital campaign to raise the JBH portion of the cost of the MH&A project. The Board passed a motion in support of this.
- The Digital Health Strategy Committee met on January 24, 2022 and the Chair reported that the Committee had a great discussion to set the stage for this important work. The Committee also discussed a principles-based approach for its work and next steps which includes the engagement of a third-party consultant to build the plan for the digital strategy.

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- The Quality Committee met on January 25, 2022 and the Committee Chair reported that the Committee reviewed a draft Patient Advisor role description. The PFA role will be a cross-appointment from the Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to the Quality Committee which will ensure that the patient voice is part of the Board's deliberations. The Committee also received updates on key quality metrics and indicators and the work that is involved in monitoring those rates.
- The Governance & Nominating Committee met on January 25, 2022 and the Committee made several recommendations to the Board through its Consent Agenda. The Committee Chair reported that the focus for governance best practice renewal over the past year was ensuring appropriate onboarding of new Directors in a virtual world. The focus for the coming year will be on compliance with the Ontario Not for Profit Act (ONCA) which came into effect on October 19, 2021. The Committee will also be embarking on its annual Board recruitment exercise which will include recruitment for specific skills/expertise for the Digital Health Strategy Committee.
- The Finance & Audit Committee met on January 25, 2022 and reported that the hospital met with the Auditors to review the audit plan and recommended the Plan to the Board for approval. The Ministry has advised that the Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) which would have come to the Board in March for approval will be extended however the internal budget planning exercise will continue. The Committee also recommended the Financial Statements for Board approval on its Consent Agenda.
- Dr. David Charland, President of the Medical Staff Association and Dr. Salina Juma, Vice President of the Medical Staff Association gave a brief MSA update advising that the MSA is leading a random acts of kindness initiative during the month of February to give recognition to and improve morale of the medical staff.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday March 30, 2022 @ 1:00pm via ZOOM