

**Joseph Brant Hospital**  
**Board of Directors**  
**\*\*MEETING HIGHLIGHTS\*\***



The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on Wednesday January 29, 2020.

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

The Board reviewed the 2019/2020 Audit Plan which was recommended by the Finance & Audit Committee. The Board also reviewed proposed amendments to the Medical & Professional Staff By-laws for recommendation to the Membership at the June 2020 Annual General Meeting.

#### **Board Approvals**

- Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2019
- Hospital Accountability Planning Submission (HAPS)
- Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPS)
- 2019/2020 Audit Plan
- Proposed Amendments to the Medical & Professional Staff By-laws
- Consent Agenda Items (Governance Policies)

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- The Board reviewed the proposed Board Strategic Scorecard presented by Management who advised that this item will be brought back to the Board for approval at its March, 2020 meeting.
- Due to Dr. Preyra's absence, a generative discussion on Diversity & Inclusion which was scheduled to be held at the January Board meeting was deferred to the next Board meeting.
- The Chair thanked the management team for preparing the material for the meeting commending the team for the quality of the information included.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
  - Significant progress has been made on sick time utilization. L. Martuscelli (CHRO) and the PCS team were commended for the great work.
  - Recruitment has started for the Executive Vice President, Clinical and CNE role and the Director of Communications position (formerly Vice President, Communications). Melanie Potvin has been appointed as Interim Chief Nursing Executive.
  - The Hospital has been experiencing unprecedented volume. A proposal has been submitted to Ontario Health with a surge strategy. The hospital is currently (as at the date of the Board meeting) operating 327 beds which includes 12 hallway beds and 24 surge beds. The Board will be kept up to date on this.
- Highlights of the Professional Practice Report as follows:
  - Implemented evidence-based changes in model of care which allows patients to receive their acute and rehab treatments at JBH. There has been some progress in this area resulting in a reduction in Alternative Level of Care (ALC).
- The Quality Committee meeting (on January 28, 2020) was held at the Joseph Brant Wellness House and included a tour of the facility which was very well received.
- Some field work for the Audit has started and it is expected that the audit will wrap up in April.

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- The Governance & Nominating Committee has started its planning for Board Recruitment as well as the Annual General Meeting.
- E. Vandewall advised that the Burlington Ontario Health Team Steering Committee approved the Planning & Design Memorandum of Understanding. On February 26, 2020 all BOHT Action Tables will come together to develop an integrated Work Plan and there will also be a discussion on what resources can be brought to the table to supporting the ongoing work of the BOHT. The Ministry has also scheduled an OHT Learning and Improvement Forum for February 19 and 20 which will include all 31 Ontario Health Teams.
- 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, as follows:
  - Implementation of a multi-faceted Physician Wellness Program which was well received.
  - Significant uptake on physician engagement at various initiatives in the Hospital with a focus on professional development for physicians.
  - A number of physicians have expressed interest in participating in Grand Rounds which is to be re-established sometime in April.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday March 25, 2020 @ 1:00pm at Joseph Brant Hospital