

Joseph Brant Hospital Board of Directors

****MEETING HIGHLIGHTS****

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on **Wednesday March 31, 2021**.

Reports were received from the Finance & Audit, Quality, 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 Board Chair recognized the significant work that staff and physicians have undertaken and accomplished over the past year. He also noted that there has been good community feedback about the vaccine clinic located at Joseph Brant Hospital.

Board Approvals

- Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2021 and February 28, 2021;
- Quality Improvement Plan for the 2021/22 year;
- Extensions to the current Hospital Services Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) and Multi-Sector Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) as per direction from the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care;
- Sick benefits pay for staff that are symptomatic/asymptomatic related to COVID;
- 2021/22 Integrated Risk Register;
- Administrative By-law Amendments;
- 2021/22 Board Committee Structure;
- Consent Agenda Items (2021/22 Board Meeting Schedule; 2021/22 Policy Review Schedule; Governance Policies amendments).

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- The Board received a COVID-19 update from a local, regional and national perspective as well as an update on the Halton Region vaccination clinic on the JBH site.
- The Board discussed the Hospital's Digital Health Strategy and endorsed that the digital health initiative move forward with the development of a multi-year strategy and plan. A recommended approach for this will be brought to a future meeting.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
 - Staff and physician wellness continues to be a priority for the organization and management is looking at strategies to support staff/physicians through the crisis which include mindfulness-based sessions. The hospital has also established a Wellbeing Committee.
 - The hospital is currently at 100+% capacity and projections show that hospitals will potentially be heading to team-based care and implementation of the critical care plan if it becomes necessary to do so;
 - ICU occupancy across the province is currently at 700 and hospitals will continue to be called on to accept patient transfers to free up ICU capacity.
- Highlights of the Professional Practice Report, which was co-presented by the Chief of Staff and Chief Nursing Executive, as follows:
 - Plans are underway for Nurses Week (week of May 11, 2021);

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- There continues to be significant work with the Hospital's academic partners around research and innovation;
- The pre-COVID-19 clinical priorities for the Hospital remain priorities and planning is underway for post-COVID work.
- The Board received an update on the work being done through the Diversity & Inclusion Action Table. An RFP is being prepared to secure a 3rd Party for D&I and this will include D&I Education for the Board.
- The Finance & Audit Committee met on March 30, 2021. Under the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA), the Hospital is expected to submit a balanced budget each year, however under the current year's budget, it is unlikely that a balanced position will be achieved and the hospital is projecting a deficit at year-end. The Ministry of Health directed Hospitals to extend the current Accountability Agreements (M-SAA and H-SAA) which are due to expire on March 31, 2021 to be extended to March 31, 2022. All other aspects of the Agreements remain unchanged.
- The Quality Committee met on March 30, 2021 and received presentations from the Corporate Support Services and Lab Medicine Departments. The Committee also reviewed and recommended the 2021/22 Quality Improvement Plan for Board approval.
- The Governance & Nominating Committee met on March 30, 2021. The Committee reviewed the Hospital's Integrated Risk Register at its meeting and recommended the Risk Register to the Board for approval. The Committee also recommended proposed amendments to the Hospital's Administrative By-laws related to Director qualifications for serving on the JBH Board. The Committee also recommended several items on the Board Consent Agenda, including the 2021/22 Board Committee Structure which includes a new Digital Health Strategy Committee.
- The Hospital Foundation presented its Quarterly Report to the Hospital Board which highlighted fundraising challenges during the pandemic. The Foundation has had to adapt its approach as the needs remain urgent.
- 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 and extended thanks to the Family Physicians who were instrumental in getting the vaccine clinic up and running.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday June 2, 2021 @ 1:00pm via ZOOM