

Joseph Brant Hospital Board of Directors

****MEETING HIGHLIGHTS****

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Board of Directors met on **Wednesday November 24, 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.

Board Approvals

- Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2021 and October 31, 2021.
- Consent Agenda Items: Governance Policies; Hospital Assets Committee (HAC) Membership; the DHS Committee First-Year Work Plan; the list of independent Director participants for the Governance Session of the 2022 Accreditation Survey.
- Task Force to oversee Ontario Not for Profit Act (ONCA) compliance.

Meeting Highlights

- The Board received an update on the Community Relations Risk which is on the Hospital's Risk Register as a risk for oversight by the Board directly (and not through a Committee).
- The Board also received a COVID update.
- The CEO presented highlights of his report as follows:
 - Management is having ongoing discussions with the Ministry and Ontario Health to advocate for increased base funding for the hospital. There is also ongoing discussions with the Ministry regarding funding reimbursement of COVID-related expenses;
 - The community awareness campaign continues for the Mental Health & Addictions Project.
- The Board reviewed the Professional Practice Report co-presented by the CNE and COS.
- The Board held a discussion in follow-up to the D&I education sessions that the Board and senior team attended in October 2021. Work is ongoing to select a vendor to implement the organization's D&I strategy. The Board acknowledged that it would be important that there is a commitment to live the D&I values as a collective and further, that D&I is a tool to be used as a means of analyzing and achieving the Board's work and discharging the Board's fiduciary duty through a specific lens. Further, the Board reflected on the education sessions and acknowledged that the intention is to create a safe space and D&I is a journey and would require self-awareness and sharing different perspectives.
- The Digital Health Strategy Committee met on November 22, 2021 and reported that the Committee discussed what would be required to 'ready' the organization for the JBH health information system transformation. The Committee also discussed Cyber Security and recommended its first-year Work Plan for approval. The Committee also discussed the skills/expertise that would be required to augment its membership to fulfill its mandate.

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Board of Directors – Open Session Meeting

- The Quality Committee met on November 23, 2021 and received special presentations from the Medicine & Patient Flow Team which highlighted the great work of the team on reducing the organization's ALC rates. The Committee also received updates on other key quality metrics and work is ongoing to identify areas that affect those rates.
- The Governance & Nominating Committee met on November 23, 2021 and the Committee recommended that the Board strike a Task Force to oversee the organization's compliance with the Ontario Not for Profit Act (ONCA) which came into effect on October 19, 2021. This work will take place in the 2022/23 year. The Committee also recommended several items for approval on the Board consent agenda.
- The Finance & Audit Committee met on November 23, 2021 and reported that the hospital has a strong balance sheet position and the Committee reviewed budget assumptions for FY2022/23 budget planning. The previously reported \$9M budget savings plan will be revisited as part of that planning exercise.
- Dr. David Charland, President of the Medical Staff Association and Dr. Salina Juma, Vice President of the Medical Staff Association gave a brief medical staff update noting that there was an opportunity for the medical staff to meet with the senior team at its last MSA meeting. The medical staff is in a good place and is working on reinstating pre-COVID engagement.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday January 26, 2022 @ 1:00pm via ZOOM