

**Board Meeting Summary****April 26, 2022****Presentation: Clinical Volunteer Relaunch**

Karen Otterbein, Manager of Human Resources & Physician Recruitment provided a presentation highlighting the Clinical Volunteer Relaunch. The presentation included the following;

- History of Volunteers at HDH and current state;
- Explanation for changing the Clinical Volunteer Program;
- Maintaining our Current Volunteers;
- Student Program; and
- Implementation Status Update.

**Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (GB OHT) Update**

The GB OHT in collaboration with MD+A Health Solutions hosted the first Strategic Direction Planning – Visioning Session. The goal of this session was to create a vision, values and guiding principles that will direct the strategic plan of the GB OHT. HDH had great representation at the meeting with three Board Governors participating in the work.

**COVID-19 Update**

- A Wave 6 Modelling Update was provided from a provincial lens. COVID-19 infections in healthcare workers are as high as in the last Omicron wave. HDH has endured significant staffing challenges in the last 3 weeks coupled with a high census on the Acute Care unit and increase volumes and acuity in the Emergency Department. Even with daily staff absenteeism rates varying from 10-20%, there has been no interruptions of service delivery for patients.
- COVID-19 precautions remain in place for all staff, physicians and visitors. Further, the hospital is strongly encouraging staff and physicians to uphold Public Health precautions in their personal lives, despite measures being lifted provincially, in an effort to ensure safe staffing levels at the hospital.

**Board Chair Report**

A written report was provided in the agenda highlighted the previous months events/meetings the Board Chair attended.

**President and Chief Executive Officer Report**

- The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) held a Small, Rural and Northern Network meeting that provided updates on a variety of topics important to rural hospitals including: COVID-19 Incremental Expenses for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23, OHA's Hospital Advisory Committee, OHA Election Planning and Briefing on Physician Service Agreements.
- The Inter-Hospital Lab Partnership (IHLP) met and proposed a new future state framework for the network of hospitals in the partnership. This change was driven by clinical needs, equipment considerations, ability to staff each lab and financial considerations. All members of the IHLP CEO Council agreed to pause the advancement of the proposed framework at this time.
- The leadership and management team have finished series of education sessions with the Huron Consulting Group (formally Studer Group) on entrenching core leadership practices and behaviours.

**Finance/Audit and Property Committee Report**

The Finance/Audit & Property Committee meeting was rescheduled for June when a report will be received by the Financial Advisor. The next meeting will be in May where the Draft Audited Financial Statements will be received.

### **Quality Governance and Risk Management**

The Quality Governance and Risk Management Committee received a patient story, a presentation on cybersecurity, information on physician coverage in the Emergency Department and the 2022-23 Goals and Objectives. The 2022-23 Strategic Initiatives, Quality Goals and Objectives and Quality Improvement Plan were all recommended to the Board and were approved by the Board.

### **Public Relations Committee Report**

The Public Relations Committee brought forward revisions to the Public Relations Terms of Reference and the HDH Communications plan for approval. These were approved with revisions.

### **By-Law Committee Report**

The Corporation By-Laws and Professional Staff By-Laws were brought forward to be tabled for approval in May.

### **Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer**

- The COVID-19 Assessment Centre remains operational. HDH will remain engaged with Ontario Health and community partners to discuss the future needs of Assessment Centres across Grey and Bruce Counties.
- An update was provided on the Family Centred Birthing Unit outlining the program and yearly data trends.

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