

Board Meeting Summary

January 25, 2022

Presentation:

Dr. Susan Batten was introduced to the group and provided a presentation highlighting the Medical Assistance in Dying legislation which included the following;

- Expectations of the presentation;
- Data (2017 & 2020 comparison) including total MAiD deaths in Ontario, break downs of deaths, provider information, demographics and where MAiD occurs;
- Health Canada report of MAiD deaths;
- Summary of Bill C-14;
- The Update Bill C7 – March 17, 2021;
- Risks associated with MAiD; and
- Conscientious objection.

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

- Official notification was received January 10, 2022 that the hospital has been accredited with Exemplary Standing. In recognition of the achievement, HDH will be celebrating “Exemplary Week” to recognize staff for their contributions;
- Since the initial announcement in November of resuming the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) process there has been no further instruction received. HDH will move forward to develop quality goals internally that align with the strategic plan;
- HDH continues to work closely with regional hospital and community partners to ensure that there is hospital capacity for patients. HDH has been actively working with the southwest hospital group to ensure that there are beds in our system and repatriating patients from tertiary sites when needed. With extreme staffing pressures and the large influx of COVID-19 patients it is important that hospital work as a system to ensure that patients get the care they need. HDH has been faced with moderate staffing pressures but have been able to sustain staff/patient ratios overall on the Acute Care Unit; and
- COVID-19 pandemic projections were shared with the group for the latest wave. It is expected that capacity pressures will continue for the next 4-6 weeks.

Finance/Audit and Property Committee Report

The Finance/Audit & Property Committee met on January 20, 2022 and reviewed the finance and property report for the 9th period ending December 31, 2021. There was a surplus before amortization of \$211,110 and a YTD surplus of \$2,978 after building amortization. Various projects have been completed in December including the completion of the mammography machine room renovation and installation, a second water main install and installation of new pumps for the chiller.

The Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) for 2022-23 was reviewed and was recommended and approved for approval. The HAPS will be an internal budget only this year again and will not be submitted to the Ministry as per a recent announcement from the Ministry.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met on December 13, 2021 and January 18, 2022. An overview of current recruitment efforts were highlighted.

Quality Governance and Risk Management

The Quality Governance and Risk Management Committee received a patient story and an informational presentation on Bill 124 (Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act).

Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health reissued Directive #2 instructing all hospital to immediately suspend all non-emergent or non-urgent surgeries and procedures. In accordance with this directive, HDH has reduced all surgical procedures to emergent, urgent and higher priority cases.
- HDH is currently finalizing Surge Capacity Planning in collaboration with frontline staff. HDH is fortunate that staffing has remained relatively stable.
- New COVID-19 testing eligibility criteria has been released for January and has been realigned to focus on healthcare workers, volunteers and essential caregivers that frequently visit or work in highest risk settings such as hospitals, congregate living settings and Long Term Care. This has decreased volumes in the HDH COVID-19 Assessment Centre and hours of operation have been reduced in response.
- HDH has limited visiting in the building to Essential Caregivers only and have temporarily paused volunteer presence in the hospital.

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