Geraldton District Hospital

Minutes of the

**GDH Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Held in the Boardroom & via Zoom

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Present

Voting: Eric Pietsch Terry Popowich Bobby Jo Chenier

Dorene Boulanger Donna Pelletier Michael Davis

Ron Melhuish Dorothy Friske

Non-Voting: Darryl Galusha Savana Marino Monique Gosselin

Ian McPherson Dr. E. Hargassner

Jena Goulet (recorder)

Guest: Brent Maranzan

Regrets

Voting: Elaine Mannisto Cory Lightfoot

Non-Voting:

**Board Composition (voting): 8 Elected 2 Appointment Total = 10**

**Current Vacancies (voting): 1 Elected 0 Appointment Total = 1**

**Total Board Members (voting): 10 Present: 8 Attendance: 80%**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks**

● The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by E. Pietsch.

● E. Pietsch read the Treaty Acknowledgement.

● The tour that was provided to Premier Doug Ford and the announcement of the pledged $8,500,000 to GDH was discussed. The formal funding announcement to take place in early 2025.

**1.2 Introduction of New Board Members**

● Introductions were made.

**2.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

● None.

**3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

● E. Pietsch asked if there were any amendments to the agenda.

● Nothing noted.

**It was moved by T. Popowich and seconded by D. Boulanger that the agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 84**

**4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 GDH Finance Updates**

● B. Maranzan provided updates to the Board of Directors.

● As of the end of October, GDH has a deficit of $700,000. B. Maranzan is projecting that this will be reduced to $400,000 before the end of the fiscal year as agency staff spending has been significantly reduced.

● Revenue is significantly lower than budgeted as GDH received less than the expected base funding increase.

● Bill 124 and its ongoing costs were discussed. The submission that was provided to the MOH is being re-examined as GDH will be receiving $96,000, as opposed to the expected $700,000.

● There is currently over $100,000 in donations received, at this time. GDH is determining a plan for the use of the funds.

● Plans for the use of the $1,300,000 received from Equinox Gold was discussed. They have been allocated to the following projects:

1) Mental Health/Transfer Room for ED,

2) Old ED Renovations,

3) LTC Expansion,

4) CT Scanner/New Lab Department.

● Physician related costs were discussed.

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Patient Story**

● The Patient Story was received by the Board members.

**5.2 Volunteers’ Tree of Life Recognition Award**

● Potential nominees discussed.

● Board members were asked to submit their nomination requests to D. Boulanger.

**6.0 EDUCATION**

**6.1 Guide to Good Governance – Chapter 4, Part 2 (pages 66 - 98)**

● Nothing noted.

● Chapter 5 (pages 99 - 106) was assigned for reading for the next Board meeting.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1** **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 2024**

**7.2** **MAC Meeting Minutes – *Next Meeting: December 17th, 2024***

**7.3 CCS Report**

**7.4 CNE Report**

**7.5 Human Resources Report**

**7.6 COS Report**

**It was moved by M. Davis and seconded by B.J. Chenier to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 85A**

**8.0 ITEMS LIFTED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**~~It was moved by and seconded by to accept the Items Lifted from the Consent Agenda as presented.~~**

**~~CARRIED.~~**

**~~RES 85B~~**

**9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**9.1 Thunder Bay Community Foundation Agreement**

● It was stated that only non-ministry funds can be invested with TBCF.

● It was shared that no funds will be invested with TBCF until GDH is in a surplus.

● A. Kreiner and B. Maranzan will be invited to the January Board of Directors’ meeting.

● Board members would like clarifications regarding Item 4 from the Agreement.

● All questions will be submitted to J. Goulet by the end of the day on Monday, December 16th in order for them to be forwarded to A. Kreiner for review.

**~~It was moved by and seconded by that the GDH Board of Directors approve Geraldton District Hospital to establish a non-endowed fund agreement with Thunder Bay Community Foundation, as .~~**

**CARRIED.**

**~~RES 86~~**

**9.2 Regulatory Amendments Under the Police Record Checks Reform Act – OHA**

● Police record checks will not be performed until they are mandatory.

**9.3 Board Attendance**

● J. Goulet provided clarification that vacant seats are not required to be included in the meetings’ attendance calculations.

**10.0 OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER REPORT**

**10.1 Financial Highlights**

● I. McPherson’s report was received by the Board of Directors.

● See Item *4.1 GDH Finance Updates* for discussion points.

● I. McPherson assured the Board members that the revenue funds for the Nakina Clinic will be spent before the end of the fiscal year.

**10.2 Operational Highlights**

● I. McPherson’s report was received by the Board of Directors.

● I. McPherson assured the Board members that the 90-day projects are in motion.

● HIRF funding and HIRF Surplus funding were discussed.

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Quality Improvement Committee Meetings**

● I. McPherson emphasized that QIC Meetings are mandatory and that 5-6 Board representatives are required to sit on the Committee. Out of these 5-6 representatives, 1 will need to be Chair of the Committee.

● In order to make it easier to achieve quorum, the meetings will be moved to 12:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month.

● E. Pietsch, M. Davis, and D. Pelletier already sit on the Committee. B.J. Chenier, D. Friske, and R. Melhuish have agreed to join the QIC.

● M. Davis accepted the role of Chair of the Quality Improvement Committee.

**11.2 2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

● No amendments requested.

**It was moved by D. Boulanger and seconded by T. Popowich to approve the Board of Directors’ Meeting Schedule 2025 as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 87**

**12.0 LINKAGES & PARTNERSHIPS**

**12.1 HCAC Meeting Minutes – *Next Meeting: December 10th, 2024***

**12.2 QIC Meeting Minutes – *Next Meeting: Unknown***

**12.3 Geraldton Hospital Auxiliary Report**

● The report was received by the Board members.

**It was moved by D. Pelletier and seconded by R. Melhuish that the Linkages & Partnerships reports be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 88**

**13.0 CEO REPORT**

● D. Galusha’s report was received by the Board of Directors.

● D. Galusha’s speaking engagement with OPSEU was discussed.

● It was clarified that Marten Falls has access to telemedicine services.

**It was moved by D. Pelletier and seconded by T. Popowich that the report from the CEO be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 89**

**14.0 DECISION OF THE BOARD**

**15.0 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

● GDH’s ability to avoid Emergency Department closures was discussed.

● M. Gosselin shared that she is transitioning both K. Cleaveley and D. Blundon to take over as Co-Chief Nursing Executives.

● All were wished a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

**16.0 MONTHLY MEETING EVALUATION**

**16.1 Bi-Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form**

● The Evaluation Form was provided to the Board members.

● It was requested that the completed evaluations be provided to J. Goulet by December13th, 2024.

**17.0 IN CAMERA MEETING**

**18.0 TERMINATION OF IN CAMERA MEETING**

**19.0 MEETING WITHOUT MANAGEMENT**

**20.0 MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT (CEO ONLY)**

**21.0 TERMINATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**It was moved by R. Melhuish and seconded by B.J. Chenier that the Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned at 6:47 pm.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 90**

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Board Chair Signature