Geraldton District Hospital

Minutes of the

**GDH Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Held in the Boardroom & via Zoom

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Present

Voting: Eric Pietsch Terry Popowich Dorene Boulanger

Bobby Jo Chenier Elaine Mannisto Donna Pelletier

Ralph Humphreys Sanna Humphreys

Non-Voting: Darryl Galusha Savana Marino Monique Gosselin

Dr. C. Bricks Jena Goulet (recorder)

Guests: Brent Maranzan Nelson Sidorski Julie Stachiw

Amanda Bjorn

Regrets

Voting: Michael Davis Cory Lightfoot

Non-Voting: Ian McPherson Dr. C. Starratt Dr. R. Ciccarelli

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

**Current Vacancies (voting): 1 Elected 0 Appointments 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 5:31 pm by E. Pietsch.

● E. Pietsch read the Treaty Acknowledgement.

● A representative from NOSM will be making an effort to visit GDH this summer.

● E. Pietsch has been building pathways for funding projects through the NOMA meetings.

● It was shared that S. Humphreys and R. Humphreys have resigned from the Board of Directors, effective May 31st, 2024.

**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.

● Move Item 7.2 MAC Meeting Minutes – April 24th, 2024 from *Consent Agenda* to Item 8.1 under *Items Lifted from Consent Agenda.*

● Move Item 7.4 CNE Reportfrom *Consent Agenda* to Item 8.2 under *Items Lifted from Consent Agenda.*

**It was moved by E. Mannisto and seconded by T. Popowich that the agenda be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 35**

**4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 GDH Strategic Planning**

● The Strategic Planning Board Retreat was discussed.

● 807 Management proposed options for GDH’s Purpose, Vision, Values, and Strategic Goals.

● The Board members voiced their preferences:

● Propose: “We’re Here for You”

● Vision: “A Healthy Greenstone” or “Inclusive Care for a Healthier Greenstone” or

“Patient-Centered Care for a Healthier Greenstone”

● Values: “Trust, Safety, and Innovation”

● Strategic Goals: “Invest in Care”, “Unleash Our Potential”, and “Collaborate with

Partners”

● 807 Management will take the feedback and refine the plan. They will work with GDH’s Senior Managers to finalize the project.

***D. Boulanger joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.***

**4.2 Year-End Statement of Operations**

● B. Maranzan shared that GDH’s audit begins next week.

● The Board members were informed that funding was received for one NP when GDH was promised funding for two.

● GDH currently has a $1,200,000 deficit which is mostly caused by agency staffing.

● It was stated that the Hospital’s cash reserves have not been used towards its deficit. This may be negatively affecting funding from the MOH.

***Dr. Bricks stepped out of the meeting at 6:10 pm.***

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Patient Story**

● The Patient Story was received by the Board members.

**6.0 EDUCATION**

**6.1 Guide to Good Governance – Chapter 9 (pages 245 - 260)**

● No concerns or questions raised.

● Chapter 10 (pages 261 - 290) was assigned for reading for the next Board meeting.

**6.1.1 Study Guide – *None Available***

**6.2 The Handbook of Board Governance**

● The Board of Directors are not interested in adding this book to their reading list.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1** **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 2nd, 2024**

**7.2** **MAC Meeting Minutes –April 24th, 2024**

● Moved to Item 8.1 under *Items Lifted form Consent Agenda.*

**7.3 CCS Report**

**7.4 CNE Report**

● Moved to Item 8.2 under *Items Lifted form Consent Agenda.*

**7.5 Human Resources Report**

**7.6 COS Report**

**It was moved by T. Popowich and seconded by D. Boulanger to accept the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 36A**

**8.0 ITEMS LIFTED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**8.1 MAC Meeting Minutes –April 24th, 2024**

● It was clarified that Ogoki/Marten Falls are the only remote Indigenous community that does not deal directly with TBRHSC. When requiring medical treatment, they are transported to GDH and then transferred to TBRHSC. In order to prevent a delay in care, it was stated that Ogoki/Marten Falls patients should be transferred directly to TBRHSC.

**8.2 CNE Report**

● Chemotherapy currently has 1 patient requesting treatment at GDH. This may change depending on how specialized their treatment plan is. This will be determined by TBRHSC’s Cancer Treatment Centre.

● If GDH is not providing homecare services, the contract with MOH-LTC will go to another organization.

● Night shifts for PSWs have been changed to evening shifts as most resident falls occur during bedtime routine.

● There is a posting for a second Social Worker. HR is actively accepting resumes.

● M. Gosselin shared that Dr. Desruisseaux is currently off work due to illness. GDH is actively recruiting for an RN at the Nakina Clinic.

**It was moved by B.J. Chenier and seconded by E. Mannisto to accept the Items Lifted from the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 36B**

**9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**9.1 Peritoneal Dialysis & Hemodialysis Statistics for Greenstone**

● Monique emailed TBRHSC’s Renal Department and it was shared that there are currently 5-6 patients in Greenstone requiring these services either at home or at TBRHSC.

● These services are coordinated out of Thunder Bay’s Renal Department. If the number of patients significantly increase in Greenstone, TBRHSC will be responsible for initiating the services being available at GDH.

**10.0 OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER REPORT**

**10.1 Operational Highlights**

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

● The number of HIRF funded projects that were completed on time were highlighted.

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

● None.

**12.0 LINKAGES & PARTNERSHIPS**

**12.1 HCAC Meeting Minutes – *Next Meeting: June 25th, 2024***

**12.2 QIC Meeting Minutes – *Next Meeting: June 20th, 2024***

**12.3 Geraldton Hospital Auxiliary Report**

● S. Humphreys provided a verbal report to the Board of Directors.

● The Auxiliary has raised $3,830 for GDH through selling memberships and collecting donations.

● The Auxiliary will not be participating in this year’s Greenstone Trade Show.

● The Auxiliary is currently looking to fill their executive positions.

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

**CARRIED.**

**RES 37**

**13.0 CEO REPORT**

● Clarifications on how locum physicians are compensated were provided. It was also stated that many physicians will not work in the ED without an NP.

● D. Galusha is meeting with OH to discuss the Peer-to-Peer Program for the NPs on Friday.

● D. Galusha expressed that his meeting with Catherine Wang, Assistant Deputy Minister and Brian Ktytor, CEO of Ontario health North on April 8th went well.

● GDH met with the OPP and EMS to discuss the increase of mental health and addictions being brought to GDH’s Emergency Department.

● Donations from GGM’s Ride to Greenstone are starting to roll in.

● D. Galusha and M. Gosselin will be meeting with Matawa in Thunder Bay at the end of May.

**It was moved by D. Boulanger and seconded by E. Mannisto that the report from the CEO be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 38**

**14.0 DECISION OF THE BOARD**

**14.1 Physician Privileges**

● The list of Physician Privileges requests from the MAC meeting was presented to the Board for review.

**It was moved by E. Mannisto and seconded by T. Popowich that the list of Physician Privileges be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 39**

**15.0 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

● S. Marino shared that installation of the new x-ray equipment will begin Monday, May 13th and the Department will be closed for approximately 5 weeks. The public, Clinics, and Fracture Clinic have been notified. The portable x-ray machine will remain available for emergencies.

● D. Boulanger would like Palliative Care, Acute Care, and LTC tours be resumed.

● R. Humphreys and S. Humphreys thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to sit on GDH’s Board.

● M. Gosselin informed the Board of Directors that the MOH-LTC is currently on site for the week to assess LTC’s compliance.

**16.0 MONTHLY MEETING EVALUATION**

**16.1 Bi-Monthly Meeting Evaluation Summary**

● The Evaluation Summary was reviewed to the Board members.

**17.0 IN CAMERA MEETING**

● The In-Camera Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**18.0 TERMINATION OF IN CAMERA MEETING**

● The In-Camera Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

**19.0 MEETING WITHOUT MANAGEMENT**

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

**21.0 TERMINATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**It was moved by B.J. Chenier and seconded by T. Popowich that the Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

**CARRIED.**

**RES 46**

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Board Chair Signature