



MINUTES of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, January 09, 2014**, 1700 hours, Met Auditorium, 1995 Lens Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

PRESENT:

Gay Wrye, Chair	Arvind Arya	Dr. Gerry Cooper (ex-officio, non-voting)
Dr. Wilf Innerd	Yvan Poulin	David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)
Lisa Landry	Dan Wilson	Dr. Andrea Steen (ex-officio, non-voting)
Dr. Maureen Muldoon		Dr. Shobhana Patel (ex-officio, non-voting)
Ruth Orton-Pert	Leanne Leech	
Leanne Leech	John Leontowicz	
Bob Renaud	Anthony Paniccia	

STAFF:

Executive Committee

REGRETS:

Pam Skillings	Lynne Watts	Dr. Sowmil Mehta (ex-officio, non-voting)
Dr. Gary Ing (ex-officio, non-voting)		Karen McCullough (ex-officio, non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1706 hours with Gay Wrye presiding as Chair and Cheryle Clark recording the minutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None noted.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES –December 12, 2013

The minutes of the December 12, 2013 Board of Directors meetings had been previously distributed.

MOVED by Ms. L. Landry, **SECONDED** by Mr. R. Renaud and **CARRIED**

THAT the minutes of the December 12, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO:

Mr. Musyj reported, highlighting the following:

- **Influenza Cases:** Over the holiday season, starting mid-December, the hospital started to have a peak in cases and during the last two weeks of December, we saw a dramatic increase of influenza patients; not just in increased numbers, but the severity of the illness was higher than previous years. As of this morning, since November we have had forty-one patients testing positive for influenza at both

campuses. This includes both in-patients and out-patients. There are currently nine patients admitted, which is higher than two days ago when we had five cases admitted. There have not been any more deaths related to the H1N1 strain. The current flu shot protects against the H1N1 strain and those who have had the shot are not coming down with the flu or a sub-type. We continue to see an increase in the number of cases but we are hopeful that in the next couple of weeks these numbers will decrease.

The H5N1 case currently reported in Alberta is the avian flu which was reported in 2003 and it is totally unrelated to the current influenza cases. There have only been 600 H5N1 cases reported world-wide but the mortality rate is 60%. Individuals, as an example, who were connected to poultry in some way (poultry farms) or who consumed food which was improperly cooked, were stricken with the H5N1. This is of no concern for any of us, and we will screen patients who attend the hospital concerning recent travel, if appropriate.

As of January 07, we put some measures in place to protect vulnerable patients and families as outlined below:

- i) Respiratory Care Unit – We limit visitors to two and all visitors must wear a mask at all times.
- ii) Maternal/Newborn - For moms about to deliver, we are limiting visitation to one individual and that person must wear a mask. If there are compassionate reasons the mother is in the hospital for a period of time prior to delivery, we will work with them and their OB. A pregnant mom who has influenza reacts more severely than someone not pregnant. If they contract influenza, it is traumatic and serious for both the mom and their unborn child.
- iii) Paediatric patients – We are limiting visitation to parents and they must wear a mask.
- iv) Oncology – We are not limiting the number of visitors but they must wear a mask.
- v) General Precautions: Anyone 12 years of age and under is prevented from coming into the hospital. Any staff, volunteers, or students who did not receive the flu shot must wear a mask when they are in contact with a patient. Even when they get the shot, they must wear a mask for the ensuing two week period. Staff and physicians are generally complying and the rate of shots this year has increased dramatically. The hospital cannot mandate staff get the flu shot - that is their choice. If we ever have a situation where there are two influenza cases in the hospital and it is spread in the hospital, that is considered an outbreak. The hospital would then become much more stringent in its protocol. Staff members who have not had the shot could not come to work or get paid. There would be staffing issues of course, if that occurred. Our goal is to protect patients and staff. The most important part of this is, someone can be healthy and not show signs of influenza but could be spreading it during a 3 day period before they show symptoms.

- Mr. Musyj referred to the cost of health care in the U.S. vs Canada. In Canada, we have no idea of the cost of healthcare in any area of the hospital – E.R. visits or Surgery, as two examples. OHIP has the ability to send out what has been billed to OHIP for an individual on an annual basis and perhaps it is time to start doing that. A decade ago, the Ministry of Health talked about sending an account of health café expenses to patients but this was scrapped because of the cost to implement the program.
- Mr. Renaud added that Greenshield does an annual statement of what you have used during the year.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Leech highlighted the following:

- To the end of November, we are showing a slight deficit of \$2 million. This includes two months of operations of the Ouellette Campus, six months of operations of Tayfour and eight months of operations of the Met Campus.
- The 13/14 budget is not finalized but it will be reviewed at the next FAR meeting.
- The capital expenditures are on budget, even just a little below. These expenditures are for Met Campus and Tayfour only and do not include Ouellette.

6. REPORTS: None

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

i) Finance/Audit & Resources – December 16, 2013

MOVED by Ms. L. Leech, **SECONDED** by Mr. Y. Poulin and **CARRIED**

THAT the report of the December 16, 2013 Finance/Audit & Resources Committee meeting be accepted.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. BUSINESS ARISING:

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:

Media Report – Mr. Foster referred to the social calendar and stated tickets are available. Please call him for further details.

11. BOARD member Questions, Comments or Notices of Motions

None.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 06, 2014 – Met Auditorium

Future 2014 Board Dates:

Thursday, March 06, 2014

Thursday, April 03, 2014
Thursday, May 01, 2014
Thursday, June 05, 2014
Thursday, June 19, 2014 (tentative date for AGM)

13. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, it was

MOVED by Mr. Y. Poulin, **SECONDED** by Mr. A. Paniccia and **CARRIED**
THAT the January 09, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1742 hours.

Gay Wrye, Chair
Board of Directors

Cheryle Clark
Recording Secretary

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