



**MINUTES** of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, April 4, 2024**, 17:00 hours, Side A, Auditorium, MET Campus.

**PRESENT:**

Patricia France, Chair

Nila Das

Paul Lachance

Genevieve Isshak

Ian McLeod

Jamie Skutovich

Chris Lanoue

Dr. Laurie Freeman

Mary Dawson

Anthony Paniccia

David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)

Dr. Wassim Saad (ex-officio, non-voting)

Karen Riddell (ex-officio, non-voting)

**STAFF:**

Executive Committee

**REGRETS:**

Dr. Mayer Zayouna (ex-officio, non-voting)

Dr. Danielle Soulliere

Dr. Larry Jacobs (ex-officio, non-voting)

Cynthia Bissonnette

Laura Copat

Linda Staudt

David Malian

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 1700 hours with Ms. France presiding as Chair and Ms. Sutherland recording the minutes.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None declared.

**3. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 7, 2024 Board meeting had been previously circulated.

**MOVED** by Mr. P. Lachance, **SECONDED** by Dr. L. Freeman and **CARRIED THAT** the minutes of the March 7, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

**4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO and CHIEF NURSING EXECUTIVE:**

Mr. Musyj provided the following highlights from his presentation.

### **Update on Influenza**

Wastewater testing data shows a significant drop off of Influenza A and B. Influenza B is the strain would prolong the influenza season.

### **Update on COVID / RSV**

Again, the wastewater surveillance shows that COVID and RSV cases have dropped dramatically and continue to descend. We had a bit of spike in RSV in early April but we are in good spot now.

With respect to in-patients, we currently have 9 patients with COVID. We were down to one patient last week and Mr. Musyj indicated that with things being stable the new normal will likely be around 9 – 10 in-patients on average across the two campuses. We are tracking in a really good direction, flow is still tight but has been better over the last month or so.

### **Paediatric Diversion Program**

Ms. Petrakos provided the update. As of today's date, close to 700 children have been seen in the diversion clinic since it started in September of 2023. The program expanded to 7 days a week on March 1, 2024. Ms. Petrakos explained that there are limited services available in the community for parents to take their sick children after school and into the evening. This program has helped to reduce overcrowding in the EDs. It is important to note that not all children qualify for the diversion clinic and need to be seen in the ED for emergency care.

The program has been very successful for clinic patients and the time from attending the ED to complete discharge is approximately 90 minutes on average.

### **Linear Accelerator (LINAC) Expansion Project**

Mr. Foster provided the update. Since the last board meeting we have broken ground for a 4<sup>th</sup> LINAC machine that delivers cancer treatments to our community. The 4<sup>th</sup> machine will allow WRH to provide an additional 10,000 curative radiation treatments per year. Completion date for the 4<sup>th</sup> machine is late 2024 or early 2025. Mr. Foster added that this will also kick off the replacement cycle for the 3 existing radiation machines. The new machines will have very advanced technology that will allow fewer and more focused treatments.

### **Code Grey Status Update**

Ms. Riddell provided the update. All major clinical systems are on-line and functioning properly. Many of the smaller clinical and non-clinical systems are being added daily once they comply with the security features. Ms. Riddell added that some of the systems also require upgrades.

Approximately 27,800 WRH patients were impacted by the criminal cyberattack. Starting April 8, 2024, letters will be going out to impacted people with a number for them to call if they want more information. Again, as stated previously, no health records, banking information or social insurance numbers were part of the WRH breach. The names in large came from admission sheets, census sheets and assignment sheets that staff had saved to a shared drive in order for others to access to allow clinical staff to do rounding with patients.

## **Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024**

Ms. Cecile provided information on the upcoming solar eclipse as several location throughout W/E fall into the path of totality. The solar eclipse should start at approximately 1:58 p.m. and end at 4:28 with totality taking place between 3:12 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Ms. Cecile outlined the safety measures to avoid eye damage. WRH is providing safe solar eclipse viewers for staff, patients and visitors exiting the building ahead of peak totality on the afternoon of April 8, 2024.

Mr. Musyj reminded everyone that April is National Organ and Tissue Donation month. The registration rates in W/E were very low a few years ago, however they have bumped up to the national average.

Please visit the website to become an organ donor: <https://beadonor.ca>. It is very important to ensure your family is aware that you have registered.

### **5. REPORT FROM SCHULICH:**

Dr. Jacobs was not present for the meeting. His report was circulated in advance.

### **6. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION:**

There was no financial presentation due to the Code Grey.

Mr. Paniccia advised that we are approximately 1500 invoices away from having everything inputted into our accounting system. In addition, the audit will start early to mid-May with the hopes of it being signed off prior to the June AGM. Mr. Paniccia thanked Ms. Gautier and the entire finance team for their ongoing efforts.

### **7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOVED** by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Dr. L. Freeman and **CARRIED THAT** the report from the March 25, 2024 Finance/Audit & Resources Committee meeting be accepted.

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:**

- a) Media Report – FYI only.
- b) Office of the Solicitor General Correspondence dated March 19, 2024 – FYI only.

### **9. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

None

### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**Thursday, May 2, 2024, 1700, ZOOM.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was

**MOVED** by Ms. M. Dawson, **SECONDED** by Mr. P. Lachance and **CARRIED**  
**THAT** the April 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1721 hours.

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Patricia France, Chair  
Board of Directors

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Dawn Sutherland  
Recording Secretary/ds