



MINUTES of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, January 4, 2024**, 17:00 hours, via ZOOM and live streamed on YouTube.

PRESENT:

Patricia France, Chair

David Malian

Paul Lachance

Michael Lavoie

Penny Allen

Mary Dawson

Jamie Skutovich

Chris Lanoue

Dr. Laurie Freeman

Genevieve Isshak

Linda Staudt

Anthony Paniccia

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

David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)

Karen Riddell (ex-officio, non-voting)

STAFF:

Executive Committee

REGRETS:

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

Dr. Danielle Soulliere (ex-officio, non-voting)

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

Nila Das

Ian McLeod

Laura Copat

Cynthia Bissonnette

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1705 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 December 7, 2023 Board meeting had been previously circulated.

MOVED by Mr. P. Lachance, **SECONDED** by Mr. D. Malian and **CARRIED**

THAT the minutes of the December 7, 2023 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

The first slide showed the percentage of tests positive in Canada compared to previous flu seasons. Mr. Musyj explained that the data is delayed however we can see early December results. As anticipated, the influenza season started two to three weeks later and it is following the averages for influenza we have seen for the last decade. It is typical for cases to increase at this time of the year with all the recent family gatherings.

Wastewater data shows that cases of Influenza A are on the rise in Windsor-Essex. Influenza B cases are starting to increase in smaller numbers and we normally see this type of activity later in the flu season. Mr. Musyj added that if the number of Influenza B cases rise, we could have a longer flu season.

Dr. Saad spoke to vaccine effectiveness and advised that year over year the range is anywhere between 40-60% and never greater than that. Based on data from the CDC, the rate for this year is 50-55%.

Update on COVID

Wastewater testing data. shows that cases of COVID-19 have risen in W/E however we are hopeful that we have hit the peak and the most recent dip signals a downturn in cases.

Update on RSV

As expected, RSV peaked in November, and we saw this in our pediatric population, however cases continue to decrease.

Mr. Musyj also presented the WRH Patient Data for the last 12 months. In January 2023, we had 34 patients with COVID-19, 3 with RSV and 1 with influenza. Currently, we have approximately 35 patients in hospital with COVID-19, while the flu and RSV both are averaging 5 hospitalizations. Those numbers are similar to last year's averages.

As a reminder, masks are required when visiting the hospital to help protect our vulnerable patients.

EVOLV Detectors

Mr. Musyj provided an update on the Evolv Detectors, these are AI based and were installed in both emergency departments on October 19, 2023. Over 1100 items have been seized, this includes 600 sets of knives as well as drugs, drug paraphernalia and brass knuckles. That is approximately 16 items a day. Mr. Musyj confirmed that we notify the police when these illegal items are found.

The new Evolv system allows for better flow into a hospital setting and in addition, adds another layer of security to our ERs. The results are definitely trending in the direction to expand to other departments, however Mr. Musyj noted that we are not there yet.

Code Grey Status Update

Ms. Riddell provided an update with respect to the ongoing restoration efforts following the criminal cyberattack.

As reported last month, we initiated registration and back loading of patient information the first week of December. On December 13th we went live with our electronic patient record in Cerner.

As of today, the PACs system in Diagnostic Imaging is up and running. Ms. Riddell explained that this system electronically stores images and reports, instead of using the old method of filing, retrieving, and transporting film jackets, which are using for storing X-ray film. PACs also allows remote access to images so that physicians can obtain immediate access for interpretation, diagnosis and treatment.

With respect to CT and MRI appointments, we are at 100% capacity for urgent and emergent priority (P1 and P2) and have been all through the Code Grey. The hospital's backlog of appointments for P3 patients, who need imaging within 10 days, will begin to be cleared by next week, with the entire backlog expected to be cleared within 10 weeks. We expect to start P4 (non-urgent priority) ramp up for MRI later this month and CT in February.

Regarding next steps – there are still systems left to bring online which have been prioritized by all the hospitals. The clinical systems we expect to see coming online in January include Pyxis (automated dispensing cabinets for medication), CBORD (Nutrition software, CVIS (cardiovascular information system) and Lab – Hematology.

Question: When will the Code Grey be lifted?

Mr. Musy advised we will be close once PACs is in operation along with CVIS and Pyxis. We need all main clinical systems back up with stability in order to lift the Code Grey.

5. REPORT FROM SCHULICH:

Dr. Jacobs was unable to attend the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION:

Mr. Paniccia reported. There was no financial presentation as no monthly operating results could be developed. Once all patient services are restored to full capacity, the hospital will focus on getting the finance systems back up and running.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Dr. L. Freeman and **CARRIED**

THAT the report from the December 18, 2023 Finance/Audit & Resources Committee meeting be accepted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:

a) Media Report – FYI only.

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

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

None

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 1700, via ZOOM.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, it was

MOVED by Ms. G. Isshak, **SECONDED** by Mr. M. Lavoie and **CARRIED**

THAT the January 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1725 hours.

Patricia France, Chair
Board of Directors

Dawn Sutherland
Recording Secretary/ds