



MINUTES of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, March 7, 2024**, 17:00 hours, via ZOOM and live streamed on YouTube.

PRESENT:

Patricia France, Chair

David Malian

Paul Lachance

Genevieve Isshak

Laura Copat

Mary Dawson

Ian McLeod

Chris Lanoue

Dr. Laurie Freeman

Cynthia Bissonnette

Linda Staudt

Anthony Paniccia

David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)

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

Karen Riddell (ex-officio, non-voting)

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

STAFF:

Executive Committee

REGRETS:

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

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

Jamie Skutovich

Nila Das

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1708 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 February 1, 2024 Board meeting had been previously circulated.

MOVED by Mr. C. Lanoue, **SECONDED** by Ms. G. Isshak and **CARRIED THAT** the minutes of the February 1, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

The Chair provided the following highlights:

- The Hats on for Healthcare event will run for the entire month of March. This year it will support Inpatient Oncology, treatment and diagnosis at WRH. All details are available on the website.

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO and CHIEF NURSING EXECUTIVE:
Mr. Musyj provided the following highlights from his presentation.

Update on Influenza

As stated previously, the influenza season started earlier however it peaked out before the average. Although we are still in the flu season, the peak is over and numbers and admissions are trending down.

Wastewater data shows a drop off on Influenza A and B cases in early March.

Update on COVID / RSV

Wastewater testing data shows that COVID numbers have decreased and/or plateaued. WRH is averaging 14 patients per day and this number was previously as high as 30.

Mr. Musyj confirmed that RSV also started earlier but things look very good now. We are hopeful that we are close to the end of all seasons especially with the warmer weather allowing people to get outside.

The masking policy that was put into place on December 8, 2023 remains in effect until the decrease in numbers is more consistent. All ESC hospitals are actively reviewing the policy and are hoping to reduce this requirement by mid to late March.

Paediatric Diversion Program

Mr. Musyj provided an update on the Paediatric ED Diversion Program. After a successful trial period, the program has expanded to 7 days a week as of March 1, 2024, thanks to a considerable amount of funding from the MoH of approximately 2.6 million dollars. Since its launch, more than 400 of our youngest patients have taken advantage of the program receiving more timely care. In addition wait times have dropped significantly.

LINAC Accelerator Expansion Project

Mr. Musyj advised that this project will be starting on March 11, 2024. This will add a 4th machine to the hospital and it will be up and running by the fall 2024. Once the 4th machine is up and running, over the next subsequent 36 months, we will replace each of the existing 3 radiation machines.

The project was given the green light to proceed to tender in 2023. The 4th machine will free up capacity, allowing the hospital to replace its 3 aging machines. Due to lack of space, the machine will be set up in a modular unit attached to the building. Mr. Musyj explained that we needed this a decade ago and we cannot wait for the new hospital.

Mr. Musyj thanked the Cancer Centre Foundation for all the fund-raising for this project. He also expressed thanks to the Ford Government for their support.

Code Grey Status Update

Ms. Riddell provided an update with respect to the ongoing restoration efforts following the criminal cyber-attack. The Code Grey was lifted on February 6, 2024. All major clinical systems are on-line and functioning properly. Work continues on smaller clinical and non-clinical systems, such as HR and Finance.

Mr. Musyj thanked the public for their patience over the last few months and acknowledged the WRH staff for their work and dedication to get the hospital systems up and running in a safe manner.

Mr. Musyj thanked the WRH Foundation for once again running the Hats On For Healthcare event. The event is celebrating 15 years and has raised over \$570,000 for WRH.

5. REPORT FROM SCHULICH:

Dr. Jacobs was unable to attend the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION:

There was no financial presentation as no monthly operating results could be developed.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Dr. L. Freeman and **CARRIED THAT** the report from the February 20, 2024 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, April 4, 2024, 1700, MET Auditorium, Side A.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, it was

MOVED by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Mr. P. Lachance and **CARRIED**
THAT the March 7, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1725 hours.

Patricia France, Chair
Board of Directors

Dawn Sutherland
Recording Secretary/ds