

# **NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 5, 2012**

**5:00 pm - Boardroom**

## **MINUTES**

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Present: J. Hudson, Chair; D. Mann, J. Russell, R. Carman, J. Farrell, G. Metson, D. Pepper, H. Pankratz, J. Parravano, K. Jackson, B. Gerber, N. O'Nians, H. Sculthorpe, A. Logan, J. Stalker, G. DeBruyn, B. Brook, H. Brenner, R. Biron

Regrets: A. Stratford, C. Stewart, D. Broderick

Staff: J. Gillard, C. Turk, E. Vosburgh

Guests: R. Cunningham, L. Stevenson

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

J. Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Helen Brenner, V.P. Patient Services, Chief Nursing Executive provided presentation on the NHH Practice Model.

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved by K. Jackson and Seconded by N. O'Nians that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

**5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was Moved by J. Farrell and Seconded by H. Sculthorpe that the minutes of December 8, 2011 be approved as circulated. Carried.

**6. CHAIR REMARKS**

J. Hudson remarked on recent media discussion surrounding CEO compensation and noted that to meet expectations of the stakeholders we are accountable to, NHH requires a CEO with skills, experience and ability to provide effective leadership in a very complex industry. J. Hudson further commented that to attract candidates that meet the inordinate demands of these expectations, the Board must provide a commensurate compensation package that is fair to Mr. Biron and the stakeholders.

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

R. Biron reviewed the CEO report that was pre-circulated to the Board.

- The Change Foundation has released health reform titled Winning Conditions to Improve Patient Experiences: Integrated Healthcare in Ontario which provides advice about how Ontario can move to an integrated health system and improve the patient experience. The report asserts that health reform progress is not about money but rather of strategic use of investments.

- The Mowat Centre at the University of Toronto has released a report titled Fiscal Sustainability and the Transformation of Canada's Healthcare System which focuses on the rapid rise of healthcare spending in Canada and recommendations for lowering costs while continuing to improve quality and access to care for Canadians.
- A third report by Don Drummond is outlined. Titled Therapy or Surgery? A Prescription for Canada's Health System, this report explores avenues such as patient-centered and information-driven care; wider scope for private provision and recalibrated reimbursement for hospitals.
- A reminder of the NHH Board Retreat on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Agenda and reading materials will be distributed at the end of the Board meeting.

## 8. CHIEF OF STAFF'S REPORT

R. Biron presented the minutes from the Medical Advisory Committee with respect to physician credentialing.

**It was moved by J. Russell and seconded by J. Farrell that the following Medical and Professional Staff are approved for appointment:**

- Dr. Jeffery MacPherson, Courtesy, Emergency Medicine
- Fariba Gilanpour, Associate - Midwifery

**CARRIED.**

**It was moved by B. Carman and seconded by J. Russell that Dr. Robert Carlyle be approved for Courtesy privileges for the 2011/2012 and 2012/13 Re-appointment years. CARRIED.**

## 9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 9.1 FACILITIES AND CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

J. Russell provided the report of the Facilities and Campus Development Committee.

The Medical Office Building siting and sizing is a priority for planning and costing but anchor tenant must be solidified prior to moving forward. A draft lease agreement is being presented to the Family Health Team.

The Financial analyses report on the Life Lease project is being presented by Zock and Associates at the next meeting of the Committee. Decision on next steps has been deferred until after this report.

## 10. FOUNDATION REPORT

R. Cunningham presented an update on the Foundation and Leadership Giving opportunities. The Foundation is on track to the annual goal, with \$1.2 million raised as of November 30<sup>th</sup>. R. Cunningham reviewed current participation by the Board of Directors, with 16 members who are currently supporting the Foundation. The Foundation is asking the Board members to consider their approach to philanthropy in 2012 and determine the best way to make an annual gift.

L. Stevenson presented information on the Caring for Generations Society. Society memberships are available for a minimum annual donation of \$1,000, with many members opting to pay their membership on a monthly or quarterly basis. Others choose an alternative payment schedule that is even more suitable. Membership privileges include supporting the local hospital, annual members reception and other special hospital events.

**11. AUXILIARY REPORT**

G. Metson reported on the activities of the hospital Auxiliary. The Polar Bear Dip will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer immunization status has been completed and a minimum number of volunteers did not complete the program.

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| <b>It was Moved by D. Pepper and Seconded by J. Russell that all reports be received.</b> |
| <b>Carried</b>  |

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13. FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**15. IN CAMERA**

The meeting moved to in-camera at 6:15 pm on a motion by J. Farrell and seconded by B. Brook.

The in-camera meeting addressed matters relating to personnel issues.

**16. NEXT MEETING**

**February 2, 2012**

**17. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 6:48 pm on a motion by J. Russell.