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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MANUAL

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VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

Policy:

Under section 24 of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* (the “Act”), the Board of Directors of Northumberland Hills Hospital commits the organization to build relationships and collaborate with the Central East Local Health Integration Network (the “LHIN”), other health service providers, and the community to identify opportunities to integrate the services of the local health system for the purpose of providing appropriate, coordinated, effective and efficient services.

Purpose:

This policy outlines the approach that will be taken to identify, explore and implement voluntary integration opportunities with other health service providers.

Process:

The Board, with the support of the Chief Executive Officer (the “CEO”), will:

- be informed, through educational means, of the principles of health system integration, the organization’s rights and obligations under the Act and the LHIN’s integrated health service plan;
- the Board Chair and CEO shall be the designates to collaborate with the LHIN and participate on behalf of the Board in LHIN governance forums with health service providers and report back to the Board;
- annually review the Hospital’s strategic plan and revise it as necessary to ensure it addresses the integration requirements of the Act and is aligned to the key service integration principles and objectives pursued by the LHIN;
- provide direction to the CEO on the Board’s expectations concerning the integration planning process;

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- annually consider and, if appropriate, approve specific voluntary integration initiatives for consideration by the LHIN, as recommended by the CEO;
- establish a mechanism for dialogue with other health service provider board(s) and other persons and entities as required related to specific types of integration initiatives;
- delegate to the CEO to collaborate with staff of other health service providers and the LHIN to identify and recommend opportunities to integrate services of the local health system for purpose of providing appropriate, coordinated, effective and efficient services and to inform the Board of these activities;
- periodically review updates on LHIN integration policy and activities; and,
- periodically monitor the implementation and performance of approved voluntary integration initiatives.

References:

Local Health Integration Network/Health Service Provider – Governance Resource and Toolkit for Voluntary Integration Initiatives, December 15, 2008. Ontario Hospital Association, et al.

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