

LAKE OF THE WOODS DISTRICT HOSPITAL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 7, 2010, Hospital Boardroom

PRESENT: B. Anderson, M. Balcaen, D. Baldwin (Chair), A. Cameron, J. Clarke, Dr. K. MacDonald, M. Matheson, D. Munro, Dr. S. Reed-Walkiewicz (arr. 5:35), J. Reid, F. Richardson, Dr. S. Wiebe, L. Brown, C. Gasparini

REGRETS: B. McCallum, O. Mejia, R. Thompson, M. Mymryk

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to Order	D. Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.	
2. Adoption of Agenda	Moved by J. Reid and seconded by B. Anderson that the regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.	Motion#10/1/1 carried
3. Adoption of Minutes	Moved by M. Matheson and seconded by J. Reid that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 3, 2009 be adopted as circulated.	Motion#10/1/2 carried
4. Business Arising	No business arising.	
5. Education	<p>5.1 2010 Overview & Update</p> <p>Renewal Committee – M. Matheson reviewed the update document circulated to Board members (attached). Board members were requested to provide feedback on four areas relating to the board renewal by completing a form provided to them and submitting it to S. Winter. Any other ideas relating to Board renewal are to be emailed to S. Winter who in turn will forward to the committee.</p> <p>Facility Planning Committee – M. Balcaen provided members with details of the initial meeting of this committee noting that arrangements are being made to have consultants provide the Board with education relating to the planning process and requirements for a new health care system and facility in Kenora. Committee terms of reference and action plan will be finalized following this session.</p>	Information
6. Ownership/ Linkages	The revised community engagement presentation was circulated for review. Revisions to that document include a listing of challenges, successes, new partnerships, information regarding the proposed board renewal and need for an upgraded facility. Suggestions for additional revisions should be submitted to J. Clarke. The Board was reminded that one board representative along with a representative of senior management is requested to attend each community engagement session. Members interested in participating in these sessions were asked to contact B. Anderson. The Community Engagement questionnaire will be provided to board members prior to the February Board meeting. The 2010 O/L Charter was also circulated for review.	Information
7. Future Focus	No report.	Information
8. Consent Agenda	As a participant on the ER Study Advisory Committee, L. Brown provided additional information relating to the Regional Emergency Department Study, commissioned by the NWLHIN, to investigate sustainability of emergency departments in Northwestern Ontario. The resultant report makes a number of recommendations including the creation of a NWLHIN Emergency Services Governance committee. The LHIN and ER Advisory Committee have requested written support for the report and its recommendations from those hospitals in the region providing ER services.	

	<p>Points made in the discussion that followed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The idea of the study is positive in that it attempts to coordinate service delivery in the region - It does however create another layer of bureaucracy which is already excessive. Do we need another governing body to oversee ER's, already managed by respective hospitals? - Where would accountability lie? - Most recommendations, if implemented would have little if any positive impact on this hospital's ER department. <p>In conclusion, the Board of Directors was unable to endorse this study as it was presented.</p> <p>Moved by B. Anderson and seconded by J. Reid that the consent agenda be approved.</p> <p>M. Balcaen will draft a letter to the LHIN on behalf of the Board based on the feedback and comments made at this meeting.</p>	<p>Motion#10/1/3 Defeated</p> <p>M. Balcaen to draft letter</p>
9. Executive Limitations Items	<p>9.1 E-1 People Achieve Optimum Outcomes</p> <p>After review of policy E-1 People Achieve Optimum Outcomes, it was agreed that there was no need to change the policy.</p> <p>9.2 E-2 Information for Positive Lifestyle Choices</p> <p>After review of policy E-2 Information for Positive Lifestyle Choices, it was agreed that there was no need to change the policy.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p>
10. Monitoring CEO Performance	<p>10.1 E-1 People Achieve Optimum Outcomes</p> <p>Moved by J. Reid and seconded by B. Anderson that the Board of Directors has assessed the monitoring report on E-1 People Achieve Optimum Outcomes and found that it demonstrated compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.</p> <p>J. Clarke stated that, in his opinion, this is one of the more important policies as it addresses quality of care and services provided by the hospital. As such Mr. Clarke suggested that the wording of the actual policy be reviewed/revised so that it is more concise.</p> <p>M. Balcaen noted that there is little relevant data relating to death with dignity as it is based on perceptions gleaned from individuals who are in emotional situations. Benchmarks and indicators are also difficult to find.</p> <p>Dr. Reed-Walkiewicz indicated that outcome measures in mental health are equally as difficult to compile.</p> <p>Noted that in item #2 – “diagnosis” (as stated in the policy) and “diagnostic services” are entirely different. Evidence in this report is provided for “diagnostic services”.</p> <p>10.2 E-2 Information for Positive Lifestyle Choices</p> <p>Moved by D. Munro and seconded by M. Matheson that the Board of Directors has assessed the monitoring report on E-2 Information for Positive Lifestyle Choices and found that it demonstrated compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.</p>	<p>Motion#10/1/4 carried J. Clarke abstained</p> <p>Motion#10/1/5 carried</p>

11. Monitoring Board Performance	11.1 BC-5 Complaints Re: CEO or Chief of Staff This item was deferred to the February meeting.	Deferred
12. Information Requested by the Board	12.1 President & CEO Report M. Balcaen reviewed his report as circulated (attached). L. Brown reported that Lakehead University and Confederation College have received funding to proceed with a fall 2010 intake in Kenora for the Nursing Baccalaureate program. 12.2 Chief of Staff Report Dr. MacDonald reviewed selected items within his report as circulated (attached). Confidential items were deferred to the incamera session. Dr. MacDonald extended an invitation to interested Board members to attend teaching rounds, presented regularly for staff, physicians and students. S. Winter will provide board members with a schedule of sessions. 12.3 Upcoming Meetings Renewal Committee – January 12, 2010, 12:00 noon Facility Planning - January 14, 2010, 12:00 noon Ownership/Linkages – January 14, 2010, 4:30 p.m. Education – January 14, 2010, 5:15 p.m.	S. Winter to circulated schedule
13. Adjournment	Moved by Dr. K. MacDonald that the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.	

Chair

President & CEO

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