

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The Board of Directors held a meeting on May 1, 2023.

Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

The Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario) (ONCA) came into force on October 19, 2021, and replaced the Corporations Act (Ontario) in governing corporations without share capital. The Act provides for a three-year transition period after which all non-compliant provisions in a corporation's governing documents will be deemed to be amended to the extent necessary to conform with ONCA.

The Board of Directors approved proposed Articles of Amendment and Corporate By-law that would be in compliance with the Act. These governing documents will be presented to the Members of the Corporation for approval at the June Annual Meeting.

Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement

The Board of Directors approved the Multi-Sector Accountability Agreement with Ontario Health for 2023-2024.

Indigenous Patient Navigator

Following a recruitment process with the Department of Health of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, an individual has been selected to fill the position of Indigenous Patient Navigator.

Details of this role include,

• Aim of position –

- Guiding the patient journey and ensuring access to care, ensuring seamless care, building strong culturally sensitive relationships.
- Assisting with cultural sensitivity training and education internal to the organization and in the Akwesasne Community.
- Scope of position Patient Navigator/Case manager and educator
 - o Patients who are associated with Akwesasne community will be followed by the navigator.
 - The navigator will be responsible for the health care journey from entry to hospital to home/community supports post discharge.
 - Main responsibilities include building relationships and networks. There is a need to understand who the providers are to build a proper journey map that will be individualized for each patient.
 - o Educator Assist CCH with Cultural Sensitivity and training of staff internal and external to the organization.
 - o Work to remove barriers for providers in support of patient care.
- Areas of focus Inpatient followed by Home and Community.
 - 1. CCH Inpatients.
 - 2. Dialysis, Cancer Care and Mental Health and Addictions.
 - 3. Birthing and childcare, including supports and networking with Doulas.

Health Information Exchange

As of March 30, 2023, Cornwall Community Hospital began participating in the Ontario eHub Health Information Exchange (HIE). This means several long-term care (LTC) homes in our region using an electronic health record (EHR) will have instant access to patient information charted in our Cerner EHR when the patient is discharged to their facility.

This new way of exchanging health information will improve access to patient information for a smoother discharge process and better patient health outcomes.

The local LTC homes who will be able to access CCH EHR data through Ontario eHub health information exchange are:

- Glen Stor Dun Lodge
- Lancaster Long Term Care Residence
- Sandfield Place
- St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre.

More LTC Homes will be added as Ontario eHub expands.

Health information exchange is meant to be a two-way process. Soon, Cornwall Community Hospital will be able to access information that we previously could not, such as patient information from other hospital EHRs, rather than simply viewing information on a dashboard.

Cornwall Community Hospital is a pilot site for this initiative.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following teams and individuals:

Justin Cordell for the key role he has played in the development of an interim alternative process to automate as much as possible the payroll and accounts payable functions.

The **Clinical Informatics and Information Technology teams** for the extended hours they are devoting to responding to the cyber event and to the restoration efforts.

The Clinical Managers and Directors and the Clinical Nurse Educators for the many additional hours devoted to supporting clinical teams during the cyber incident event, ensuring patient safety.

New Board Member

The Board welcomed Dr. Olugbenga Dehinbo as a new Board member. Dr. Dehinbo will be serving on the Board in his capacity as Vice-President of the Medical Staff. Dr. Neil Davis is returning to the Board as President of the Medical Staff.

The Medical Staff Organization held its annual meeting on April 4, 2023.

Policies

The Board approved revisions to policy CR 05-005 Code of Ethics.

Terms of Reference

The Board approved revisions to the following terms of reference:

- Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee
- Medical Quality Assurance Committee