

# Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

LMH Sarah Ave Building / Microsoft Teams

<b>PRESENT</b>	Derek Mendez, Interim Chair	Kailey Fallis	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Becky Bloemberg
	Sheena Haines	Doug Miller		Rhonda Scheeringa
	Rosalea Beyersbergen	Jean Montgomery		Jade DeVries
	Monica Dey	Conor O'Keefe		
	Dr. T. Suggitt	Dr. S. Vander Klippe		
	Esther Millar	Justine Leslie		
			<b>PATIENT REP</b>	Rosemary Rognvaldson
<b>ABSENT</b>			<b>GUESTS</b>	
<b>REGRETS</b>	Jessica Weber	Mark Foxton	<b>REGRETS</b>	
	Stacey Ash	Susan McLaughlin		

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair D. Mendez called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1814 hours.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by: Kailey Fallis**

**Seconded by: Doug Miller**

**THAT** the LWHA Board of Directors approves all motions formally passed in the Committee of the Whole meeting, the Agenda for Wednesday, October 30, 2024, and the following Consent Agenda reports be received as circulated:

- ♦ Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024
- ♦ Strategic Planning and Communications Committee Terms of Reference
- ♦ Executive, Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference
- ♦ Evaluating and Monitoring Board Performance Policy
- ♦ Executive, Governance and Nominating Committee Minute Summary September 18, 2024
- ♦ LMH Foundation Report
- ♦ WDH Foundation Report

**MOTION: CARRIED**

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 4. BOARD EDUCATION: Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) – Jaide Campbell, LWHA Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor

- The Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) provides screening and assessment services at designated hospitals accredited by the Canadian Association of Radiologists. As an OBSP Assessment Centre, LMH's Breast Health Unit must meet standards and criteria set by Cancer Care Ontario including wait times, specific diagnostic imaging services, and access to an

interdisciplinary team of radiologists, technologists, surgeons, pathologists and navigators. LMH's OBSP Assessment Center is financially sustainable with regular patient scheduling.

- Modifications made at LMH to meet new assessment center standards include the introduction of contrast mammography, and protocolling incoming requests. In 2023, LMH's average wait time from breast assessment to final result was 9-11-weeks; with recent improvements, final results are now available within 3-4-weeks, well below the Cancer Care Ontario guideline of 7-weeks.
- On October 8, OBSP expanded to include ages 40-49 into the program; this expansion has wait times posted to the Cancer Care Ontario website, and allows patients to book appointments online. Due to low wait times, LMH is seeing an influx of patients from out of the catchment area.

## **5. OPEN SESSION: NEW BUSINESS / DECISIONS AND REPORTS**

### **5.1 VP of Clinical Services and Quality / CNE Report – J. Leslie**

- Access and flow of patients is a priority for Ontario Health in the upcoming year; alternate level of care (ALC) volumes will be a focus, as these continue to rise in the region.
- Discussions continue regarding a change in the regional oncology model of care, with the intent to increase more care closer to home.

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- Discussions appear to be heading in a positive direction, however more work is required. The Board expressed comfort in Dr. Vander Klippe updating MPP Lisa Thompson, as she had advocated on behalf of LWHA in the past.

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### **5.2 President and CEO Report – E. Millar**

- As the Ministry is seeking balanced budgets but not allowing service cuts, the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) projects that Ontario hospitals will be unable to meet payroll in the coming year. The OHA will release advocacy materials in December, to be shared with the Board and local political leaders.
- The need to change models of care was discussed at the Ontario Health Team's recent strategic retreat; it is no longer sustainable for hospitals and physicians to remain at the center of care.
- While changes in staffing models have been helpful, staff continue to be affected heading into respiratory season; however, an increase in staff immunization rates proves very positive.

### **5.3 Oncology Program – J. Leslie**

- The oncology program was discussed during the VP of Clinical Services and Quality / CNE Report.

### **5.4 Briefing Note: Physician Recruitment – E. Millar**

- Recruitment of 26 physicians in the next 5-years is required to support the communities and maintain services. While the Recruitment Committees work well, there is currently no accountability or oversight, and minimal structure.
- E. Millar presented a recommendation for the Listowel and Wingham Recruitment Committees to report to the LWHA Board of Directors.

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- ♦ WDH Boardroom / Microsoft Teams
- ♦ 1700 Hours

#### 11. MEETING EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

- This is completed twice per year, but completion of a survey at the end of each meeting was suggested

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Kailey Fallis

Seconded by: Jean Montgomery

THAT there being no further business the LWHA Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1819 hours.

MOTION: CARRIED

#### 13. BOARD ONLY

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Derek Mendez, Interim Chair

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Esther Millar, Secretary