



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors

Location: Conference Room B/ Virtual

Date: November 27, 2024 **Call to Order:** 17:30h

Present:

V. Simpson, Chair

B. Pap

Staff Present:

K. Campbell

M. Gonske (Guest)

Regrets:

D. Jones

O. Benjamin

D. Armstrong-Ross

A. Lund

J. Duewel

B. Callewaert

B. Cook

S. Moore

L. Nabb

J. McMaster

D. Goulet

L. Waller

A. Call to Order: V. Simpson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 17:32 hours.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Dr. B. Cook opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement statement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none declared

Connecting to Purpose- Patient Story/ Organizational Success: D. Armstrong-Ross, Chief Executive Officer, shared some challenges that have come about through a move towards centralized wait list throughout the region with some patients falling through the cracks, underlining the need to ensure checks and balances during change management process

B. Approval of Agenda: no additions

C. Presentation: M. Gonske, Manager - Community-Based Mental Health Stabilization Unit gave a presentation on the program offered to clients at the Stabilization Unit.

M. Gonske left the meeting at 18:01 hours.

D. Consent Agenda: the following items from the consent agenda were circulated and reviewed:

- *Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting [Oct. 2024]*
- *Minutes of the Resource Committee Meeting [Nov. 2024]*
- *Dryden Area Family Health Team Report*
- *Director Attendance*
- *Board Meeting Evaluation*

MOTION #39 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors approves the items from the consent agenda, as presented.

Moved: B. Callewaert

Seconded: J. McMaster

CARRIED.

E. Business Arising from the Consent Agenda:

F. New Business:

Monthly Financial Statements: A. Lund, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial statements to October 31, 2024. Year to date, DRHC sits at approximately a \$1million deficit. Surplus from the Family Health Team is attribute to Nurse Practitioner vacancies; this surplus must be paid back if not used by the end of fiscal year. Discussion held on sick and overtime increases.

MOTION #40 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors approves the financial statements to October 31, 2024, as presented.

Moved: B. Pap

Seconded: O. Benjamin

CARRIED.

NWHU "Alcohol Harms" Advocacy: D. Armstrong-Ross, Chief Executive Officer shared an ask from the Northwestern Health Unit regarding advocacy regarding concerns about alcohol use in the region be sent to the MP and MPP.

MOTION #41 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors endorses the letters of support regarding Alcohol Use in Northwestern Ontario.

Moved: B. Callewaert

Seconded: B. Pap

CARRIED.

Nominating Committee: D. Armstrong-Ross shared that a Nominating Committee will be called to consider options for Board Recruitment.

Q1 Corporate Scorecard: D. Armstrong-Ross presented the Q1 Corporate Scorecard highlighting high “would you recommend” scores in Q1, as well as challenges with alternate-level of care patients and colonoscopy wait times.

Dialysis Project Update: D. Armstrong-Ross shared that the final draft memorandum of understanding is underway, currently on track with pre-capital work.

Pharmacy Project Update: D. Armstrong-Ross shared that work is ongoing with architectural firm to finalize space planning, with hopes to start construction in fall 2025.

IV Pumps Replacement: D. Armstrong-Ross shared that current fleet of IV pumps are at end of life, and repairs are not always possible with parts not readily available. Following RFP process, Baxter IV was chosen, which mirrors other sites in the region. Dryden Regional Health Services Foundation (DRHSF) has agreed to provide funds for this purchase.

MOTION #42 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors approves the purchase of replacement IV pumps, with funds provided by the Dryden Regional Health Services Foundation.
Moved: B. Pap **Seconded:** J. McMaster
CARRIED.

G. Information Items: none.

H. Quality & Safety Concerns: none raised.

I. Ethical Considerations: none raised.

J. Adjourn to In-Camera Session:

MOTION #43 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors adjourns to an in-camera session at 18:41 hours.
Moved: B. Callewaert **Seconded:** B. pap
CARRIED.

The open session resumed at 19:07 hours.

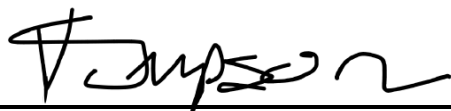
K. Business Arising from the In-Camera Session:
Credentialing of the Professional Staff:

MOTION #50 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors approves the credentialing of professional staff, as presented in the in-camera session.
Moved: B. Callewaert **Seconded:** B. Pap
CARRIED.

L. Directors' Issues

M. Adjournment

MOTION #51 2024/2025: THAT the Board of Directors adjourns the meeting at 19:08 hours.
Moved: O. Benjamin **Seconded:** J. McMaster
CARRIED.



Vanessa Simpson, Chair



Doreen Armstrong-Ross, CEO