



board of directors

Meeting:	WCH Board of Directors Meeting			
Date:	Wednesday, October 4, 2023			
Location:	Boardroom 6209 / Videoconference (V)			
Chairperson:	Donna Walwyn			
Secretary:	Paula Da Ponte			
In Attendance:	Paula Allen John Capobianco (V) Aida Cipolla (V) David Court (V) JoAnne Doyle (V)	Kathy Cunningham (V) Rupinder Dhillon (V) Arleen Huggins (V) Susan Monteith (V) Hilary Goldenberg	Maya Roy (V) Lisa Robinson (V) Jaspreet Hansra-Kulasingam (V) Chinyere Eni-McLean (V)	Heather McPherson Kyle Kirkham (V) Jennifer Price (V) Talia Zenlea (V)
Regrets:	Ron McEachern			
Guests:	Jack Woodman, Vice President, Strategy, Quality, Risk and Privacy			

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1701 hours. D. Walwyn welcomed Leslie McCarley, President and CEO of Women’s College Hospital Foundation and thanked Chaim Cutler as Interim President and CEO during the search.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

D. Walwyn began the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts declared.

4.0 Patient Experience Story

H. McPherson shared a patient experience by an individual who had participated in the Chronic Pelvic Pain Group Program, highlighting the options, information and support provided in the context of their complex condition and range of care and care navigation needs.

5.0 Current Healthcare Landscape and Future Trends

J. Woodman provided an overview of the current Ontario healthcare landscape and future healthcare trends. The presentation also offered insight into the current WCH patient population demographics and volumes across clinical program areas.

It was noted that WCH has implemented a new demographic survey as mandated by Ontario Health. When available, this data will provide information to support decision making about access, cultural safety, and approaches to impact health equity.

J. Woodman informed members that we continue to look at future trends that include technology, virtual reality, artificial intelligence and shifting care delivery into ambulatory and home care settings.

Members had a thorough discussion around technology and AI being considered with a new strategic plan.

6.0 Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the Board agenda, board minutes from June 7, 2023, June 21, 2023, and board policy 0.20.008 Board of Directors Composition and Term.

R. Dhillon moved and P. Allen seconded

THAT items presented for approval in the consent agenda be approved.

CARRIED

7.0 Chair's Report

D. Walwyn provided the following update:

- Members were informed that the Executive Committee met on September 20, 2023, and minutes were included in the material.
- At the executive committee meeting, members discussed the next board retreat and reviewed the timeline of the new strategic plan. Members recommended scheduling a board retreat on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 9am-3pm in the Pink Cube.
- Nora Aufreiter, Chair of Unity Health and Carol Annett, Chair of Sunnybrook set up a meeting for interested board chairs of TAHSN hospitals to meet and share information, ideas, and experiences. The first meeting is scheduled on October 5, 2023.
- The description of the Strategy Advisory roles was included in the materials. The purpose of the role is to provide additional strategic advice to hospital management during the development of the hospital strategic plan. Members who are interested were asked to please inform D. Walwyn or J. Woodman.

8.0 CEO Report

H. McPherson's report was included in the material. She additionally reported on the following:

- Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) CEO committee, chaired by H. McPherson, met last week. The TAHSN equity committee distributed a demographic survey for hospital boards and senior teams to complete. Results will be shared at the upcoming TAHSN CEO committee.
- Women's College Hospital received a memo from Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Catherine Zahn, that the Ministry intends to support hospitals by providing additional financial support pertaining to Bill 124 that has added pressure to the hospital budget.
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is observed annually on September 30. This year the Centre for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health hosted a panel discussion focused on the intersections of art and health. This important day was also recognized through the sale of orange shirts and a food drive.
- WCH held its first clinical extern program in the spring and welcomed 15 clinical externs. The highly successful program was made possible through additional funding from Ontario Ministry of Health and contributes to our efforts to build a strong pipeline of clinical talent at WCH.
- Congratulations to Jennifer Price, Vice President Clinical Programs and Corporate Nursing and Professional Practice Executive, as co-investigator on a CIHR National Women's Health Research Initiative: Pan-Canadian Women's Health Coalition – Hubs grant and to Dr. Rulan Parekh, WCH Physician, Scientist and Vice President Academics, who received a grant for her project *Insight into Nephrotic Syndrome: Investigating Genes, Health, and Therapeutics*.
- WCH Healthcare Breakthrough Challenge is a new initiative in partnership with WCH Foundation that will fund innovative projects in clinical care, research, quality improvement and education linked to the hospital's strategic priorities. A total of 22 applicants submitted projects and top candidates will be presenting to donors and community members on November 29, 2023.
- On November 8, 2023, WCH will be hosting "*Healthy Cities, Healthy People*" in the WCH Auditorium and Pink Cube from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

9.0 Medical Staff Appointments

9.1 New Medical Staff Appointments

The list of new medical staff privileges recommended at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting on September 5, 2023 and October 3, 2023 was included in the material.

P. Allen moved and D. Court seconded

THAT on the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors approve the appointment of the applicants listed to the WCH Medical Staff effective October 5, 2023.

CARRIED

10. Foundation Report

L. McCarley informed members that she officially started this week and informed members that the "We See Things Differently" campaign launched this week. The advertisements are posted internally, in the Globe and Mail and externally. The campaign will raise awareness to the community of the services Women's College Hospital has to offer.

11. Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:00pm.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1815 hours.

13. In Camera

The meeting went into in camera at 1816 hours and adjourned at 1817 hours.

14. Open Board Reconvened

The open board meeting reconvened at 1817 hours.

15. Closure of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 1817 hours.