

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday December 1, 2009
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
LVIV Pavilion, 38 Lviv Blvd
Oshawa, Ontario

Directors Present: Mr. Foster Loucks (Chair)
Ms. Joseline Sikorski (Vice Chair)
Ms. Jean Achmatowicz MacLeod (Secretary)
Mr. Ron Francis (Member)
Mr. Stephen Kylie (Member)
Mr. William Gleed (Member)
Dr. Alex Hukowich (Member)

Staff Present: Ms. Deborah Hammons (CEO)
Mr. James Meloche (Senior Director, Planning, Integration & Community Engagement)
Mr. Paul Barker (Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and Allocations)
Ms. Emily Van de Klippe (Corporate/Project Coordinator)
Ms. Jennifer Russell (Minutes Recorder)

Mr. Loucks of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (the "CE LHIN") Board of Directors chaired the meeting. Jean Achmatowicz MacLeod, Secretary of the LHIN, was Secretary of the meeting.

1.1 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Loucks called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm and welcomed the members of the public to the Central East LHIN Open Board Meeting. He noted that this was a special meeting of the Board, held largely to address the Lakeridge Health voluntary integration proposal for Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Constitution of Meeting and Quorum

Notice of the meeting having been properly given to the public and to each Board member, and a quorum of Board members being present at the meeting, Mr. Loucks declared the meeting duly constituted for the transaction of business.

1.2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In view of the audience assembled, Mr. Loucks asked that items 3.1 and 3.2 be switched in order to deal with the Lakeridge Health item first.

MOTION: By Dr. Hukowich that the agenda of the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Central East LHIN Board of Directors be approved as amended.

SECONDED: Ms. Sikorski

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Loucks requested that those in attendance declare any conflicts of interest.
No conflicts of interest were declared.

2.1 **BUSINESS ARISING**

This item was not tabled at this meeting.

3.1 **LAKERIDGE HEALTH VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION**

Mr. Loucks drew the attention of the Board members to a number of letters and petitions that were received from the members of the public regarding the proposed integration and read aloud one petition letter. He asked Mr. Meloche to provide some background information for the voluntary integration proposal.

Mr. Meloche outlined the requirements of Lakeridge Health to balance it's budget and noted the significant changes that were made by the hospital to date in an effort to maintain its service levels. In this proposal, the four main areas being considered for reductions are; Child and Adolescent Services, Mental Health Crisis Services, Pinewood Addiction Services, and Outpatient and Community Treatment Programs.

Mr. Loucks pointed out that as a result of a previous peer review, Lakeridge was instructed to cease the subsidy of the Mental Health program. Mr. Meloche confirmed that Lakeridge was directed to eliminate hospital voted subsidies to these types of programs, but encouraged to maintain the services. Lakeridge has been subsidizing the program for the last three years but are at a point where they are unable to continue doing so.

Mr. Meloche was asked to provide more background on discussions with the community and other providers concerning Mental Health. He referenced a previous external review of the Pinewood Addiction and Child/Adolescent services which in part was to ascertain the level of client and community satisfaction with the programs. Results showed the satisfaction levels to be high. While there has been active collaboration with the Mental Health and Addictions community, Mr. Meloche pointed out that discussions need to happen regarding alternate service delivery models in order to make Mental Health services sustainable in the future.

In reference to the Auditors report, Mr. Loucks confirmed that the LHIN is in the lower range of per capita funding for Mental Health and Addictions across the province.

When asked about engagement with the Ministry of Health on this issue, Ms. Hammons responded that the LHIN staff have been meeting regularly with the Ministry regarding Mental Health. The Ministry is monitoring the situation closely as it is viewed as an important issue across the province.

The staff was commended for the development of the voluntary integration checklist which will be a valuable instrument to the Board members when assessing and making decisions about voluntary integrations going forward. Advice was given to the LHIN staff that considerable consultation should be undertaken with the Ministry within the next thirty days to come up with a plan to allow these services to continue within the community.

MOTION: By Mr. Kylie;

Whereas,

- Lakeridge Health Corporation has submitted a Voluntary Integration for Mental Health and Addictions as part of its balanced budget requirements
- Lakeridge Health provides a full range of mental health and addictions services, some of which are protected services. Services subject to this Voluntary Integration include:

Children's Mental

- Ambulatory Care Hospital Program
- Urgent Care Services
- outpatient treatment services

Mental Health Crisis Services

- Crisis Intervention

Addictions Services (Outpatient and Pinewood Addictions)

- Destiny Manor
- Community Clinical Management
- Community Intense Case Management
- Addictions Case Management
- PC Mental Health Community Disorders
- Early Intervention Psychosis
- Upfront Justice Project
- Crisis Walk-In
- Community Treatment
- Community Withdrawal Management
- Addictions Assessment
- Residential Withdrawal Management

Whereas,

- Mental Health and Addictions is a priority of both the Central East LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Central East LHIN staff have completed their due diligence in reviewing the proposed voluntary integration, and have identified areas requiring further clarification and alternative solutions including integration opportunities

Be it resolved that:

- In accordance with the Local Health System Integration Act (Section 27, Subsections 4 and 6), the Central East LHIN is issuing a "Proposed Decision" to stop the Voluntary Integration for "Mental Health and Addictions Services" as proposed by Lakeridge Health Corporation.

Be it resolved further that:

- There shall be no service reductions in Mental Health and Addictions services currently provided. Lakeridge, in concert with local stakeholders and community mental health and addiction service partners, shall explore options to enhance the sustainability of these services. A report back on outcomes and options shall be made available to the LHIN within sixty days.

SECONDED: Ms. Achmatowicz MacLeod

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 FRENCH LANGUAGE HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. Loucks welcomed Ms. Joyce Irvine, Chair of the French Language Health Services Collaborative to address the Board. Ms. Irvine introduced other members of the collaborative who were in attendance; Ms. Madeleine Rajotte, Ms. Marcelle Jomphe and Ms. Jocelyne Doiron-Vince.

French Language Services are governed by the Local Health System Integration Act and the French Language Services Act (FLSA) which stipulates that anyone may request and are entitled to receive services in French from the Government including crown agencies such as the LHINs.

At present, Scarborough is the only area of the Central East LHIN that is designated under the French Language Services Act. An application has been made to the office of Francophone Affairs to have Oshawa and/or the Region of Durham designated. In terms of process, the Office of Francophone Affairs makes recommendations to the Minister. The recommendations are then submitted to Cabinet and areas are added to the "schedule of designated areas" through order in Council. There is normally a three year period for planning and implementing French Language Services.

Ms. Irvine was asked to comment on the role of the Réseaux. There are four Réseaux in Ontario. The first one was established by the province in the Champlain area with a mandate to act as an advisory body on French Language Services. The mandate of the other three Réseaux is primarily to provide community engagement and development. Currently, the Réseaux do not have a formal role that is recognized by the province although they hope to become recognized as planning entities. At present, there is no Réseau in the Greater Toronto area.

On behalf of the staff, Ms. Hammons acknowledged the support from Ms. Irvine and thanked her for all the work she has done to move the LHIN forward with respect to French Language Services.

Mr. Meloche mentioned that there are a number of issues at the provincial level, such as the publication of the final regulations for LHSIA, that are hindering the LHIN from making progress in the maturation of the collaborative.

On behalf of the Board, Foster expressed his thanks to Ms. Irvine for her much valued assistance.

5.0 MOTION OF TERMINATION

MOTION: By Ms. Sikorski that the December 1, 2009 Central East LHIN Board meeting be adjourned.

SECONDED: Mr. Gleed

MOTION CARRIED

The December 1, 2009 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Mr. Foster Loucks
Chair

Ms. Jean Achmatowicz MacLeod
Secretary