

**Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network
(ESC LHIN)**

**“Special” Open Board Tele-Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, December 21, 2017**

**ESC LHIN
180 Riverview Drive, Chatham, ON
Lake Erie Boardroom**

Present:

Martin Girash, Board Chair
Lindsay Boyd, Board Director
Sheila MacKinnon, Board Director *(via teleconference)*
Rick Charlebois, Board Director *(via teleconference)*
Sharon Pillon, Board Director *(via teleconference)*
Deborah Crawford, Board Director *(via teleconference)*
Sue Martin, Board Director *(via teleconference)*
Wally Hogan, Board Director

Staff:

Ralph Ganter, CEO
Jean François Harvey, VP HR&OD
Shannon Sasseville, Dir. CPA & CE

Guest:

Rob Devitt, Supervisor
Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
(via teleconference)

Regrets:

Nora Bressette, Board Director

Recorder:

Anne Marie Ryan, Exec. Assistant

1. Call to Order / Welcome

A “Special” Open Board Tele-Meeting of the Erie St. Clair LHIN was called to order at 8:30 am by Martin Girash, Board Chair. It was noted there were five (5) Board Members attending by teleconference.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda *(on file)* of the “Special” Open Board Tele-Meeting dated December 21, 2017 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

MOTION: *Moved by Sue Martin and seconded by Wally Hogan that the agenda of the “Special” Open Board Tele-Meeting dated December 21, 2017 be approved.*

Motion Passed

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4. Call For In Camera Session

4.1 Adjournment to "Special" In Camera Session

At 8:31 am the ESC LHIN Board moved into a "Special" In Camera Session pursuant to LHIN Bylaws and section s.9(5) of the Local Health System Integration Act 2006 to discuss confidential matters re:

- o Personal or public interest
- o Matters prescribed by regulation

MOTION: *Moved by Wally Hogan and seconded by Sharon Pillon that the ESC LHIN Board move to a "Special" In Camera Session of the "Special" Open Board Tele-Meeting of December 21, 2017.*

Motion Passed

4.2 Reconvened - Call to Order – "Special" Open Board Tele-Meeting Reconvened

At 9:03 am the "Special" Open Board Tele-Meeting of the Erie St. Clair LHIN of December 21, 2017 was reconvened.

MOTION: *Moved by Wally Hogan and seconded by Lindsay Boyd that the "Special" Open Board Tele-Meeting of December 21, 2017 be reconvened.*

Motion Passed

In Camera Session Report

The ESC LHIN Board reported that the following confidential matters were discussed during the In Camera Session:

- o Personal or public interest
- o Matters prescribed by regulation

5. Presentations

5.1. Former Hospital Board Chair Presentation

5.1.1 Sydenham District Hospital Corporation

Martin Girash, Board Chair introduced and welcomed Sheldon Parsons, Former Hospital Board Chair Sydenham District Hospital Corporation. Girash also acknowledged, attending with Parsons, Herb John and Kris Lee, also former members of the Sydenham District Hospital Corporation.

Parsons thanked Rob Devitt, Supervisor CKHA, Ken Deane former Interim CEO CKHA, Lori Marshall, CEO CKHA for their leadership and support of the healthcare system. Parsons highlighted that the proposed governance structure does not provide abusive power nor is it lacking in disclosure. The rationale is understood and Parsons does not object – there is a two sided principle to be addressed of the 539 members of the hospital corporation for the past 60 years who could see this as a loss of democracy. Parsons expressed disappointment of not keeping a separate Board for Sydenham District Hospital through the proposed voluntary integration move to a single Board, however, does not object.

Parsons again expressed his thanks to Devitt and the LHIN Board requesting that moving forward the importance of keeping the best interest of the public in mind.

6. New Business

6.1. Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

6.1.1 Chatham-Kent Health Alliance – Voluntary Integration

Martin Girash, Board Chair spoke to a Briefing Note (*on file*) and a Community Feedback Roll-Up (*on file*) both of which were distributed to the Board prior to the Board Meeting and introduced Ralph Ganter, Chief Executive Officer.

Ganter highlighted the processes to date of the CKHA organization and how the current state was arrived at being; the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care appointment of an investigator and the subsequent report of August 8, 2016, then the Lieutenant Governor Order in Council appointment of a Supervisor on August 31, 2016. Significant community engagement was executed by the Supervisor. There are no financial, service delivery, or human resource implications to be experienced. The Voluntary Integration is comprised of two steps:

1. Public General Hospital, and Sydenham and District Hospital will amalgamate to form the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, and
2. St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Chatham will transfer its hospital lands, buildings, equipment, assets, liabilities, rights, obligations, and employees to the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

Shannon Sasseville, Director Communications, Public Affairs and Organizational Development spoke to the written public feedback received by LHIN staff during the 24 day notice period from November 22, 2017 to December 17, 2017, and highlighted the themes of the 42, both supportive and opposing, written submissions and responses received, all noted in the distributed Roll-Up documentation.

Girash spoke to the already created Rural Health Advisory Committee which Rob Devitt stated is up and running. This eliminates the need for the LHIN Board to request the new Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Board establish a standing committee of the Board to oversee the services to rural Chatham-Kent. This Rural Health Advisory Committee was recruited following LHIN wide advertising and was one of the groups that provided feedback on the CKHA Governance structure.

Rob Devitt, Supervisor CKHA, will publically share an email provided to the LHIN Board outlining the proposed governance structure model and policy manual excerpts.

This Committee appropriately reports through the CEO to the Board and is modeled after the Rural Advisory Committee at Bluewater Health. Generally advisory type committees in Ontario Hospitals have this reporting relationship reflecting the appropriate division between governance and management. The Committee is co-chaired by the CEO and the Medical Head of Rural Medicine and Accessibility. This bifurcated chair was a deliberate choice so as to provide an alternate route to surface issues to the Board should there be an issue with communication through the CEO. The Rural Medical Head reports through the Chief of Family Practice enabling a report through the MAC and the Chief of Staff if an issue emerged. To create a separate Board level committee would be redundant and not reflective of the practice at or within the LHIN.

Ganter concluded by noting that the future processes will see the rural areas be addressed. The proposed letters patent will cover two (2) sites going forward. The obligation as a LHIN Board is patient outcomes and this will provide an infrastructure for best practices.

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay Boyd and seconded by Wally Hogan that the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (the "LHIN") Board will not stop the voluntary integration between the Public General Hospital Society of Chatham, Sydenham and District Hospital, and St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Chatham, Incorporated (collectively the "HSPs") from proceeding and authorizes the LHIN to notify each of the HSPs through their Supervisor, Mr. Rob Devitt, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that it does not intend to give notice of a decision or issue a notice under Section 27 of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006.

Motion Passed

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Lindsay Boyd and seconded by Sharon Pillon that the ESC LHIN Board adjourn the "Special" Open Board Tele-Meeting of December 21, 2017 at 10:48 am.

Motion Passed

APPROVED: _____



Martin Girash
Board Chair, Erie St. Clair LHIN

DATE: _____

January 24, 2018