

HURON HOSPICE

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Time: 5:00 pm

Location: By Teleconference

Present: Carole Alce Maureen Cole Tony Davison
 Michele Hansen Kevin Kale Yvonne Kitchen
 Elizabeth Kruspe Jay McFarlan Gail Trehwitt
 Willy Van Klooster (staff)

Absent: Ralph Smith

VISION

Huron Hospice will be a rural Centre of Excellence in Palliative Care

MISSION

To provide quality hospice palliative care in our rural communities.

	Topic or Subject	Highlights/Discussion	Action/Outcome
	Conflict of Interest	None indicated	
1.0	Welcome	Jay welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting.	
2.0	Approval of Agenda	Maureen requested that an OHT Report be added to the Agenda.	Moved by Michelle and seconded by Gail that the Agenda be approved with the addition of the OHT Report. Carried.
3.0	Temporary 5th Bed at Huron Hospice Residence	<p>Willy had previously provided, by email, the Background/Rationale for his recommendation for the addition of a temporary 5th bed at the Residence. Following a request from doctors at AMGH that we consider adding a temporary additional bed in order to free up space at the hospital, which is preparing its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Willy has consulted with the LHIN about the possibility of funding an additional bed for a period of six months. He has also been advised by the Resident Care Coordinator that our nursing staff would be able to provide the same exceptional care to a fifth resident, if necessary. All Board members agreed that, should this come to pass, the request would be made with the caveat that any resident coming from hospital would have been tested for COVID-19 and that this additional bed would be closed should we experience a nursing shortage.</p> <p>Maureen, Jay and Willy provided information on COVID-19 from the recent meeting of the HP-OHT. Maureen suggested that Willy should bring his recommendation forward at the OHT meeting on March 25/20 for their</p>	

		input and Willy has agreed to do so. After much thoughtful discussion, Gail made the motion to approve the recommendation that Huron Hospice make a request of the LHIN/OH for emergency funding to support one additional temporary bed for six months during the COVID-19 Crisis. Seconded by Elizabeth. Carried
4.0	COVID-19 Update	Willy provided an update re: COVID-19 as it affects our staff, volunteers and residents: 1) We are allowing 2 visitors, screened at the door, and they are advised to remain in their loved one's room. At the critical time, as death is near, more than 2 are allowed and, if a family member does not pass screening, they are allowed to don personal protective equipment and be with their loved one at the time of their death. 2) We currently have 2 nurses self-isolating for 14 days before returning to duties. 3) Suzanne advises that we have 7 retired nurses or PSWs in our volunteer corps. She will contact them to see if they would be willing to act in a nursing or PSW capacity, if necessary. They must have been retired within the last 3 years to qualify. 4) HPCO has escalated their requests for masks. 5) Any media contact re: Huron Hospice will be done through the Executive Director. 6) The Executive Director is now working from home.
5.0	Motion to Adjourn	Tony made a motion to adjourn.