

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

**“Special” Open Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

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

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**Present:**

Martin Girash, Board Chair  
Michael Hoare, Board Vice Chair  
Barb Bjarneson, Board Director  
Robert Bailey, Board Director (via telephone)  
Joseph Bisnaire, Board Director  
Lindsay Boyd, Board Director

**Staff:**

Gary Switzer, CEO  
Ralph Ganter, Senior Director (HSD&I)  
Pete Crvenkovski, Director (PQ&KM)  
Shannon Sasseville, Director (C&PA)

**Recorder:**

Ruth Augi, Corporate Coordinator

**Regrets:**

n/a

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**1. Call to Order / Welcome**

The “Special” Open Board Meeting of the Erie St. Clair LHIN was called to order at 1:07 pm by Martin Girash, Board Chair. There were twelve (12) people in the audience.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda (*on file*) of the “Special” Open Board Meeting dated December 15, 2015 was approved by the Board.

**MOTION: *Moved by Michael Hoare and seconded by Joseph Bisnaire that the agenda of the “Special” Open Board Meeting dated December 15, 2015 be approved.***  
**Motion Passed**

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**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

**4. New Business**

**4.1. Leamington Area Birthing Services**

**Final Recommendation**

Ralph Ganter, Senior Director, Health System Design & Implementation spoke to a Briefing Note (*on file*) distributed to the Board prior to the Meeting highlighting the proposed parameters of Navigation Centre Service:

- The proposed service is not intended to replace current services that are available, but rather to identify any gaps in service, and to facilitate the utilization of all available supports for this clientele.
- The actual birthing event would continue to occur in the labour delivery suites at LDMH or in the home. LDMH would continue to provide birthing services, and also facilitate the quick response and treatment of any obstetrical emergency. Following the delivery, the immediate post-partum care would either be provided by the midwife or obstetrical nurses through a process that currently takes place.
- The WE CHC, as the operating agency for the proposed Navigation Centre, would be responsible for coordinating pre and post-partum care if not otherwise available for:
  - low risk, pregnant mothers who do not have a primary care practitioner or obstetrician
  - focusing on the entire family and specifically targeting the Low-German speaking Mennonite community, the Caldwell First Nations community, migrant workers; and other disadvantaged residents of Leamington and area
- The primary intention of the service is to reach the unattached patient as early in her pregnancy as possible, and allow her to receive the appropriate care. Importantly, the 24/7 service intends to provide wrap-around care for the entire family once the birth has occurred to support issues with changing family dynamics, as well as any additional health concerns that may arise.
- The patient could be self-referred, referred by their family, or physician/health service provider or obstetrician to the Navigation Centre. To support the patients, a staffing complement composed of but not limited to: a social worker, dietary counsellor, a nurse practitioner, and a specific community health worker is recommended to work directly with these patient populations.
- The hospital would benefit by having a primary care partner that will proactively manage vulnerable populations that ultimately interact with the hospital's acute care services.

The Board is anticipating presentations on operational plans from the Windsor Essex Community Health Centre (WE CHC) and LDMH in January 2016.

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**MOTION: Moved by Michael Hoare and seconded by Joseph Bisnaire that the ESC LHIN Board requests the Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre (WE CHC) and the Leamington District Memorial Hospital (LDMH) to establish a formal partnership (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding) which will provide leadership oversight for birthing services in the Leamington and Area community, with WE CHC's primary focus being the Navigation Centre and the LDMH's primary focus being the birthing unit; and directs LHIN staff to request the Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre (WE CHC) and Leamington District Memorial Hospital (LDMH) to present their operational plan for the Leamington Area Birthing Services to the ESC LHIN Board in January 2016.**

**Motion Passed**

#### **4.2. Governance & Nominating Committee**

##### **Interview Process – Public Appointment Secretariat Applicants**

Barb Bjarneson, Board Member and Governance & Nominating (G&N) Committee Chair advised the Board the G&N Committee would be using the same interview process as in previous years with an interview panel mixture of G&N Committee Members; Board Members and a community member (past / retired ESC LHIN Board Member). The Committee will meet to review the date / details of the proposed interviews.

#### **5. Next Meetings**

The Board discussed and confirmed the dates for the next ESC LHIN Open Board Meetings as follows:

- January 26, 2016 @ 1:00 pm - ESC LHIN Boardroom, Chatham, ON
- February 23, 2016 @ 1:00 pm – ESC LHIN Boardroom, Chatham, ON

#### **6. Adjournment**

##### **6.1 Adjourn to In Camera Session**

At 1:50 pm the ESC LHIN Board moved into an In Camera Session pursuant to LHIN Bylaws and section s.9(5) of the Local Health Systems Integration Act 2006 to discuss confidential matters re:

- Personal or public interest

**MOTION: Moved by Robert Bailey and seconded by Michael Hoare that the Board move to an In Camera Session of the "Special" Open Board Meeting.**

**Motion Passed**

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**7. Reconvene "Special" Open Board Meeting**

At 2:54 pm the "Special" Open Board Meeting of the Erie St. Clair LHIN of December 15, 2015 was reconvened.

**MOTION: Moved by Robert Bailey and seconded by Barb Bjarneson that the "Special" Open Board Meeting of December 15, 2015 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

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Moved by Michael Hoare and seconded by Barb Bjarneson to adjourn the "Special" Open Board Meeting at 2:55 pm.**

**Motion Passed**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



Martin Girash  
Board Chair  
Erie St. Clair LHIN

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