

QUALITY COMMITTEE

POLICY

Statement of Purpose

The Quality Committee is responsible to the Board of Directors to oversee and advocate for excellence in the quality and safety of patient care and to ensure, on behalf of the Board, that effective processes are in place to monitor and review quality, safety, and risk management activities.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Educate and advise the Board on matters pertaining to the quality and safety of patient care;
2. Recommend to the Board the Quality Improvement Plan, the objectives for quality and safety, establish annual quality goals and specific quality indicators to be monitored by the Board;
3. Review corporate and public performance monitoring reports;
4. Recommend changes on matters related to the quality of patient care, patient safety and the patient experience within CMH;
5. Review recommendations from management to address variances from performance standards and targets in quality of patient care, patient safety and the patient experience within the hospital;
6. Ensure that processes are in place to identify and control hospital liability risk and review relevant reports;
7. Consider and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Board, on the quality implications of budget proposals within the annual planning process;
8. Consider and make recommendations to the Board on policies relating to quality and patient safety as appropriate;
9. Recommend education programs concerning quality and patient safety for members of the Committee and the Board;
10. Prepare an annual Committee work plan.
11. Ensure that best practices information supported by available scientific evidence is translated into materials that are distributed to employees and persons providing services within the hospital, and to subsequently monitor the use of these materials by these people.

Membership

The voting members of the Committee shall be composed of:

- The President and Chief Executive Officer
- One member of the Medical Advisory Committee (Chief of Staff or delegate)
- The Chief Nursing Officer
- One member of a health profession within the meaning of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 who is not a physician or nurse and who provides health care in the hospital.
- Risk Manager
- The Board Chair (additional to 5 board members)
- At least five elected Directors, one of whom shall be appointed as Chair.

Frequency of Meetings

The committee will meet quarterly, or at the call of the Chair.

Quorum

At least 50% of the voting members constitute a quorum.

Approved: Board of Directors

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