

BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY

POLICY

The hospital board is accountable to members of the hospital for acting consistently with the Articles of Incorporation, the by-laws, applicable legislation, the common law as it governs hospitals and the achievement of its mission and vision. The directors exercise the power vested in them in good faith and honesty in order to further the purposes for which the hospital was created. They act in what they consider to be the best interests of the hospital, each exercising his or her unfettered discretion in decision making. *Ex-officio* directors fulfill the same duty to the corporation, placing the interests of their nominator or group subordinate to those of the corporation. Directors do not place themselves in a position where their personal interests conflict with those of the hospital.

The directors establish objectives that are within the capacity of the hospital's plant and resources. The board strives to maintain a balance within its medical and other staff to ensure a broad base of expertise while attaining the most efficient utilization of the facilities and resources of the hospital.

In choosing between competing demands on scarce resources, the board has established the following accountabilities:

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| To Members of the Corporation | For acting consistently with the Articles of Incorporation, the by-laws, applicable legislation, the common law as it governs corporations and the achievement of its mission and vision. |
| To Patients and their families | For safe, family-centred care and best practices. |
| To Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care and CE LHIN | For expenditure management, compliance with policies and regulations, data quality and performance management. |
| To the Foundation | For donor stewardship and support. |
| To Staff, Volunteers and Physicians | For transparent processes and CEO, Chief of Staff and Medical Advisory Committee evaluation. |
| To Partners | For collaboration. |
| To Communities We Serve | For advocacy and communication. |