



Timmins and District Hospital

L'Hôpital de Timmins et du district

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A. Purpose

To maintain accountability standards for all Board of Directors members.

B. Definitions

Ex-officio: means membership "by virtue of the office" and includes all rights, responsibilities, and power to vote unless otherwise specified in the Legislation, By-Law or policy.

C. Content

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 achievements 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 their unfettered discretion in decision making.

Ex-officio Directors fulfill the same duty to the corporation, placing the interests of the group they represent 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:

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	For safe, family-centered care and best practices. Best practices means treatment that experts agree is appropriate, accepted and widely used.
To Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Health, (North East Local Health Integration Network) and Health Teams	For expenditure management compliance with policies and legislation, data quality and performance management.
To the Foundation	For donor stewardship and support.
To Staff, Volunteers and Physicians	For transparent processes for CEO and Chief of Staff evaluation and communication.
To Partners	For collaboration.
To Communities We Serve	For health care leadership and advocacy, communication and expectation management.

D. Policy/Procedure

The Board will follow the Accountability Statement/Policy described herein.

E. References

N/A

F. Appendices/Links

N/A