



Present: Jacques Pelletier (Board Chair), Don Dutton, Jan Hopkins, Bob Long, Phil Fortier, Graeme Bonham-Carter, Terry Lee, Liz Snider, Onalee Randell (Director, Community Services), Anne Caron (Director, Corporate Services), Peter McKenna (Executive Director), Judy Harting (recorder), Guests: (Merrickville Bridge to Canada) Line Pelletier, Linda Nash, Audrey McKendry Bridge, Fred McFarland, Gwendy Hall, Marge Heithon.		
1.	Welcome, regrets & absences	Board Chair, Jacques Pelletier welcomed everyone including the delegation from Merrickville Bridge to Canada. Quorum was in place. The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. Regrets: Ian Donald, Pauline Muysson, Wynn Turner
2.	Approval of Agenda	MOTION: That the agenda be approved with addition of Merrickville Bridge to Canada presentation after consent agenda, and under New Business g) Request from Merrickville Bridge to Canada for RCHS to keep its funds “in trust” and h) Board delegates to March 14 SE LHIN Strategic Directions and Priorities meeting. Moved by Terry Lee, seconded by Don Dutton, Carried
3.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None declared
4.	Remarks from Board Chair	It has been a busy month with several consultations about Patient’s First, which was an opportunity to meet many board members of other CHCs. The Chair and the ED also met with MPPs Steve Clark and Randy Hillier along with other CHC’s. Plans include meeting with mayors and township councils. People in our communities are generous; the monies raised at the Village Chef evening benefiting the Merrickville Food Cupboard may reach \$1800.
5.	Consent Agenda	MOTION: That the consent agenda reports be accepted as presented Moved by Liz Snider, seconded by Bob Long, Carried
	a.	Executive Committee
	b.	Community Engagement
	c.	Finance Committee
	d.	Executive Director Report
	e.	Board Chair report
6.	Merrickville Bridge to Canada presentation	Audrey McKendry-Bridge, chair of Merrickville Bridge to Canada (MBC) group spoke about the inception of the group following the information evening hosted by RCHS. She is assisted by three vice-chairs (Fred MacFarland, Graeme Bonham-Carter, Jacques Pelletier, along with Gwendy Hall, Treasurer and Secretary Terry Hamlin. The group has found temporary housing, a possible job and many other items in anticipation of funding a refugee family. The Fulford Prep School students will be able to help doing some translation to fulfill their required community hours. The refugee family efforts have brought many diverse groups in the community together. MBC has met with other refugee sponsors from Kemptville (RING Refuges in North Grenville) and Perth, who have helped with expertise and items. MBC are registered with Refugee 613. MBC are asking RCHS to flow the funding coming from the Community Foundation Ottawa, who can only pass the monies onto a charitable organization. The Community Foundation Ottawa would receive donations and issue donation tax receipts. There is a link on the Foundation’s website to MBC that is easy to find. The Foundation would transfer the monies to RCHS to hold until MBC requests it. Details of the paper trail for those requests will be worked out. Fred McFarland noted they are a private sponsor group, and are calling it a constituent group. The sponsorship



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		group they are working with is World Hope. Once the settlement agreement is drawn up it goes to World Hope. Criteria for a refugee family are submitted to find a match; it could be 2-3 months until the family arrives. The group is responsible for ½ the costs, once the family arrives at the local airport, for one year. After one year, if the family isn't employed they would be eligible for social services. A Memorandum Of Understanding would be signed between MBC and RCHS. MBC will be presenting to Merrickville-Wolford Council at its next meeting. A public information session will be held March 23 at the Community Centre. Jacques Pelletier thanked the group for their presentation and invited them to stay for the rest of the board meeting.
7.	Collaborative Governance	Graeme Bonham-Carter advised that a March 14 meeting in Kingston is being organized by SE LHIN so the RTHL Board-to-Board meeting of March 11 will be cancelled as participants will be attending the Kingston meeting. The next RTHL B2B meeting will be scheduled following the Kingston meeting; participation may be broadened.
8.	MSAA 2016-2017	Through Multi Sector Service Accountability Agreements (MSAA), all service providers have a standard contract with particular schedules for their specific area of expertise. The overall budget remains the same with no change. Some movement of funds allowed between certain areas; others are set and cannot be moved. Some targets proposed by RCHS were adjusted downward by LHIN. This is the final year of the current agreement (2012-2017). The Board Chair and ED need to sign and return this agreement before March 11. There is no negotiation room around signing this document. Next year may be a different kind of MSAA because of the changes we are seeing in health care. MOTION: That the Chair and Executive Director be directed to sign the MSAA 2016-2017. Moved by Don Dutton, seconded by Phil Fortier Carried
9.	New Business	
	a. Board Member Recruitment – Nomination Committee	The Committee consists of the Chair, Graeme Bonham-Carter and members Ian Donald and Terry Lee, as well as the Board Chair and ED (ex officio). Each board member has been asked to update the skills list and return them to Judy. Directors are asked to confirm to the Board Chair as soon as possible and no later than the end of March whether they will continue to stand as directors or plan to leave. A suggestion was made that a younger board member would provide unique input; another member from the Smiths Falls area would be desirable.
	b. Ad hoc Audit Committee struck	Audit Committee consists of Finance Committee members. They will meet with the auditor April 21, 3 pm just prior to the Finance Committee meeting (without staff). Interested Board members are encouraged to attend.
	c. AOHC nominations for constituency directors	The Constituency for Eastern Ontario will have nominations for one board and one staff member. Nominations will come to the Board along with their bios and RCHS board will be asked to vote on the nomination. The AOHC will also be looking for a provincial member at large with specific skill sets. Graeme Bonham-Carter has agreed to let his name stand for Member at Large, if he fits the required skill sets.
	d. Working AGM group set – AGM location set	The AGM working group consists of Jan Hopkins, Peter McKenna (Executive Director) and Judy (Executive Assistant), Liz Snider agreed to join the group. SFCHC is celebrating its 10 th anniversary, so this will be a good year to hold the AGM in Smiths Falls and celebrate the landmark. An honorary member is usually named at the AGM; if directors wish to nominate someone they should forward information to the AGM workgroup.



e.	AOHC Call for Resolutions	Lanark CHC is working on a resolution concerning the reversal of the bylaw amendment passed by the AOHC passed last year that would allow the Board to amend the AOHC by-laws and have asked for RCHS for support. The RCHS voting delegate will vote, as decided by RCHS board, at the AOHC conference in June.
f.	Policy Review:	GOV 150 – Policy Development and Review – reviewed with no substantial changes (one word change). MOTION: That GOV 150 be accepted as reviewed. Moved Jan Hopkins, seconded by Graeme Bonham-Carter Carried
		GOV 170 – Role of Board Officers – reviewed with only editorial changes. MOTION: That GOV 170 be accepted as reviewed. Moved by Jan Hopkins, seconded by Phil Fortier Carried
		GOV 71 – Finance Committee Terms of Reference – revised with the minimum meetings adjusted to reflect a minimum of 4 meetings a year, one each quarter MOTION: That GOV 71 be accepted as revised. Moved by Don Dutton, seconded by Terry Lee Carried
g.	Request from Merrickville Bridge to Canada to keep its funds “in trust”	A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering all issues will be signed between Merrickville Bridge to Canada and RCHS. MOTION: That the Board authorize the Executive Director to proceed with the signing of the MOU Moved by Bob Long, seconded by Don Dutton Carried
h.	Board delegates to March 14 SE LHIN Strategic Directions and Priorities meeting	The SE LHIN invited the Executive Director, Board Chair and 2 directors to attend this meeting with the Deputy Minister Dr. Bell. Terry Lee and Bob Long are interested in attending. Graeme Bonham-Carter will also attend as he has been invited to speak The SE LHIN will present their new 4 year plan, speak about Patients First and speak about the vision.
10.	Approval of Board Minutes	
	January 26, 2016 Board Minutes	MOTION: That the January 26, 2016 board meeting minutes be approved, done via e-mail Moved by Jan Hopkins, seconded by Pauline Muysson Carried
11.	Generative Discussion	Patients First: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the Perth event, Paul Huras indicated that this initiative would be revenue neutral. Concern was expressed that the upfront costs would be extensive. - Patients First isn't all inclusive – Ministry of Health have no control over the private sector i.e. chiropractors, physiotherapists, etc. who will be brought in later. - Lot of discussions looked the same as at previous consultations. Principles and systems. - Paul Huras said all the right things; but legislation is being put through to implement April 1, 2017. Things that don't need legislation can go ahead earlier. - Representative from the Ontario Medical Association was present but didn't speak. - Not a lot of negative views – suggestions for how to make things better - The Perth session was a MOH consultation that the LHIN is facilitating - The connection to the community makes it less stressful to go over a new phase – need to have the arguments to make the case. - Dearth of research on benefit of community governance – some evidence coming out of people centred



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		<p>care that involving people in their care you get better care and cost savings – some evidence that organizations that are too small actually cost more and don't provide the best care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outside view that it might not be a good idea to have the LHIN handling the CCAC or become a health service provider. - Patients First is a well written paper but has no reference to how it will happen. - More consultations when the legislation comes and so get close to your MPPs and be part of those consultations - No integration between not for profit and for profit health care – it is needed! Need to put in a system that allows clients to have the care they need. - LHIN has no experience delivering services and would have unionized and non- unionized staff working together.
12.	Future Agenda Items	Operational Plan, AGM, Budget, Patients First
13.	Meeting Evaluation - Liz Snider	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment on our ability to balance efficiency and effectiveness, such as allowing time for discussion. Always successful on this. Managed to add in agenda items that were interesting and substantive 2. Do we feel we followed our appropriate governance role (versus getting into operations) and attended to our board strategic priorities and work plan? Did in terms of RCHS but would like to get into the details of Patients First <p>Completed by all, given to staff for filing.</p>
13.	Next Board Meeting	Tuesday March 22, 2016 5:00 dinner 5:30 meeting. SFCHC, Community Room
14.	Meeting Adjournment	<p>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Moved by Don Dutton, seconded by Terry Lee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

** Calendar items for February

Approved by: _____
Chair

Secretary