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Brant Community Healthcare System Annual General Meeting

(Brantford, June 22, 2017) The Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) Board of Directors held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday June 7, 2017.

The board presented the 2016/2017 Annual Report and approved the audited financial statements. The BCHS finished the fiscal year with a deficit of \$2.9 million. "Earlier fears of a significant year-end deficit have been greatly alleviated," said Jim Hornell, BCHS President & CEO. "While early in the year we were predicting close to a \$6 million deficit, through the hard work of all we have reduced that deficit by half," added Hornell.

Jean Kincade, incoming board chair thanked outgoing board members for their contributions to the Brant Community Healthcare System. "I want to thank Tom Lockyer for his dedication and thoughtfulness through his years on the board, including the last two as Chair," said Kincade, adding, "Your mentorship to prepare me for the position of Chair has meant a great deal to me and I wish you well in your future endeavours."

Hornell, who is the Board Secretary praised Lockyer for his contributions, "Thank you Tom for being such an accessible Chair and for your guidance as you lead us through some challenging times."

Hornell and Kincade also thanked outgoing board members George Mychailenko and Dorothy Mays for their years of commitment to the community, the BCHS and always putting patients first. "On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Brant Community Healthcare System, we wish to thank outgoing Board members Dorothy Mays, George Mychailenko and our past Chair Tom Lockyer for their incredible contributions," added Hornell.

Greg Anderson, who chairs the board Governance Committee, announced the appointment Jean Kincade as Chair of the Board of Directors. Other officers appointed are Rhonda Morley, Vice-Chair, and Michael Bijman, Treasurer. David Diegel is the only new appointee to the BCHS Board of Directors.

Diegel has a Masters Degree, a certificate in Non-Profit and Volunteer Sector Management and a certificate in Non-Profit Board Governance from the Rotman School of Management and brings a wide variety of professional experience as a health and social service planner, having been active in health care and social service planning for over 20 years, mostly in the Brantford, Haldimand, Norfolk and Six Nations communities. He brings a unique perspective in that he has worked with both community based programs and hospitals with a focus on developing integrated systems of care. In addition to his professional work, he is an active volunteer in the community with a focus on health and social service agencies. Diegel has been appointed to the Governance Committee, Corporate Resources Committee and Audit Committee for the 2017/18 year.

Dr. Katherine Chorneyko joins the Board in her capacity as Vice President of the Medical Staff, joining Dr. Jean-Marc Benoit who is replacing Dr. Arash Zohoor as President of the Medical Staff.

Paul Stillman and Gordon Stratford were appointed to additional three year terms.

Becoming a member of the Board is a voluntary appointment and does not attract an honourarium.

BCHS Board of Directors 2017/2018

Elected Directors:

Greg Anderson
Michael Bijman, Treasurer
Beryl Collingwood
David Diegel
Annette Gillis
Les Janos
Jean Kincade, Chair
Kevin Magee
Rhonda Morley, Vice Chair
Paul Stillman
Gordon Stratford

Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Directors:

Dr. Jean-Marc Benoit, BCHS Medical Staff President
Dr. Katherine Chorneyko, BCHS Medical Staff Vice-President
Judy Evans, BCHS Volunteer Association Interim President
Jim Hornell, Secretary, BCHS President & CEO
Shalaka Kulkarni, BCHS Foundation Representative
Dr. Christopher O'Brien, BCHS Chief of Staff
Lina Rinaldi, BCHS Chief Operating Officer & Chief Nurse Executive

The Annual General Meeting was also an opportunity to welcome the BCHS's new Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Corporate Affairs, John Kurvink.

Kurvink is a Chartered Professional Accountant with over 20 years of leadership experience in both healthcare and private industry across Ontario, Canada and the United States, most recently as Interim President/Chief Executive Officer and Vice President Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer at Georgian Bay General Hospital.

The complete annual report, along with audited financial statements is available on the BCHS website at www.bchsys.org.

About The Brant Community Healthcare System

The Brant Community Healthcare System is a fully accredited, award-winning health-care organization and an affiliated teaching site of the McMaster University Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine. Brantford General is a regional acute care health centre and the Willett, Paris provides urgent and ambulatory care.

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