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Inauguration of Community Engagement Committee

Brantford, ON (January 31, 2018) – The newly-formed Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) Community Engagement Committee had its first meeting yesterday afternoon at The Willett, Paris.

Yesterday's meeting was the first opportunity for members of this Committee to meet one other as well as have open and honest discussions on their thoughts on the BCHS, including current strengths, challenges and issues.

This Committee has a total of 16 members – 12 public members, eight of which have not worked in healthcare, and four with healthcare sector experience, and four appointed members, one each from the BCHS Foundation Board, the BCHS Volunteer Association Board, a Council member from the County of Brant and a Council member from the City of Brantford. The Community Engagement Committee public members are:

- Jane Angus
- Anwar Dost
- Bill Hyde
- Michael Pearce
- Crawford Reid
- Rick Sterne
- Donna Creighton
- Linda Hunt
- Jean Miller
- Gail Quinlan
- Brendan Ryan
- Heather Vanner

The appointed members for this Committee are:

- Mayor Ron Eddy (County of Brant Council)
- *Alternate: Councillor Shirley Simons*
- Marilyn Sewell (BCHS Foundation Board of Directors)
- Councillor Larry Kings (City of Brantford Council)
- Judy Evans (BCHS Volunteer Association Board of Directors)

This Committee will meet on average every two months, however regular communication between the Committee will occur.

This Committee was designed to assist the Supervisor and interim CEO to understand the nature of the communities that BCHS serves, and will help to advise the best strategies to engage and inform the community of what is happening at BCHS, as well as provide a community perspective on the delivery of healthcare services.

The Committee members bring a breadth of knowledge and community experience, and the BCHS looks forward to working in collaboration to enhance our services and provide the best possible care for our community.



(L to R) Stefany Snedden (BCHS), Anwar Dost, Councillor Larry Kings (City of Brantford), Brendan Ryan, Mayor Ron Eddy (County of Brant), Linda Hunt, Alena Lukwich (BCHS), Jane Angus, Councillor Shirley Simons (County of Brant), Supervisor Bonnie Adamson (BCHS), Annette Gillis, Judy Evans (BCHS Volunteer Association), Jean Miller, Rick Sterne, Donna Creighton, Heather Vanner, Bill Hyde, Marilyn Sewell (BCHS Foundation), Gail Quinlan, interim CEO Dr. Glenn Bartlett (BCHS), Michael Pearce.

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About The Brant Community Healthcare System

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