

5.1 Principles of Governance and Board Accountability

Policy Statement

The primary accountability of the Board is to the community it serves. The Board will govern utilizing available resources to ensure the provision of quality health care services to the community.

Purpose

To ensure effective governance and management of Arnprior Regional Health on behalf of the community.

Process

In the fulfillment of its mandate as the governing body, the Board of Directors will endeavour to maintain high standards of governance. Specifically, the Board will:

- Be accountable to the community for its responsibilities
- Conduct itself in an ethical and responsible manner
- Focus on the mission, vision and values of the organization
- Educate itself to make informed decisions concerning the future of the organization;
- Encourage diversity in viewpoints
- Maintain clear distinction of board and management roles
- Ensure that policies are established that provide guidelines and limitations to the Board, staff, physicians and volunteers in carrying out the objectives of Arnprior Regional Health
- Work in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer
- Discipline itself in matters such as attendance, compliance with Board policy, respect of roles, confidentiality and conflict of interest.

To guide the Board in making decisions in the best interests of the Corporation, the Board has confirmed the following accountabilities of the Corporation:

To Patients, Residents, and Clients: For quality services, patient safety, patient- and family-centred care, and best practices.

To the Community We Serve: For efficient utilization of resources, clear communication, transparent processes, advocacy, and expectation management.

To the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care: For compliance with applicable legislation, regulation, and policies, including funding policies for capital.

To the LHIN: For performance of HSAA, participation in LHIN-led initiatives, expenditure management, and performance management.

To Staff, Volunteers, and Physicians: For establishing and communicating expectations and providing a safe work environment.

To Health System Partners: For cooperation and collaboration.

To Members of the Corporation: For complying with the by-laws and applicable legislation as it governs the corporation, and for the achievement of its mission and vision in a manner consistent with its values and accountabilities.

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