ROUGE VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

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STANDARD

The Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) Board is accountable 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.

RVHS 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 his or her unfettered discretion in decision making. Ex Officio Directors fulfill the same duty to the Corporation, placing the interests of their nominator or group subordinate to those of the Corporation. Directors do not place themselves in a position where their personal interests conflict with those of the Hospital.

RVHS Directors establish objectives that are within the capacity of the Hospital's 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 RVHS 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, quality, family-centred care.
- To the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care through the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN): for expenditure management, compliance with policies and regulations, data quality and performance management.
- To the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation: for donor stewardship and support.
- To staff, volunteers and physicians: for transparent processes and CEO, Chief of Staff and MAC evaluation.
- To partners: for collaboration.
- To the communities we serve: for advocacy and communication.

Reviewed By: **Board Governance & Nominating Committee**
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