

**GRAND  RIVER
HOSPITAL
BOARD MANUAL**

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SUBJECT:	Strategic Partnering Governance Principles		

Purpose

The strategic partnering governance principles were created to provide a guide for evaluating existing and new opportunities for collaboration between the hospital, its stakeholders and other organizations.

Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide strategic partnering at the board level:

✓ *Strategic*

Furtheres strategic plan goals and objectives and meets joint strategic goals for:

- Innovation and collaboration; or
- Sharing services with other healthcare providers and/or within the WWLHIN; or
- Demonstrating leadership in providing high quality service to the community

✓ *Patient focused*

- Meets patient care needs
- The impacts on patient care services are understood and the partnership will improve patient access and quality of care
- Addresses patient care needs in partner catchment area or gaps in regional services

✓ *Justifiable and proportionate*

- Recognizes the need for a balanced operating budget for both current and future fiscal years
- Capital funds to support this partnership should not adversely affect any other more important planned capital projects
- The scope of the partnership is reasonable and within core competencies of the partners
- The implementation work plan for the partnership is reasonable, and the effect on resources is understood and accepted
- Transactional partnership opportunities will provide demonstrable ROI/revenue generation

✓ Context Aware

- Success of the partnership will provide a net benefit to the residents of Waterloo-Wellington
- The proposed partnering is a good fit with the priorities and needs of the WWLHIN
- The partnership will be good for the community stakeholders
- Integrated positions set up to be as successful and effective as possible
- Gaps that need to be filled to make the partnership work will be understood and accepted

✓ Transparent and Accountable

- There is a clear idea of the approvals required at board level by all partners
- Collaborative governance will be established in accordance with good governance principles
- The term of partnership, renewal provisions, and means to revoke are reasonable and clear
- Legal considerations including potential liability and indemnity are understood and accepted
- There will be sufficient time for appropriate community consultation as required

✓ Enduring solution

- A clear and manageable accountability framework is created for decision making, accountability and authority among the partnering organizations
- Outcomes from the partnership align with the acute care role of Grand River Hospital
- There is a clear idea how the new partnership will affect existing strategic partnerships and aim to enhance them
- Will advance goals to strengthen relationships with stakeholders in Waterloo-Wellington
- Will enable better utilization of resources and be effective in improving best practices

Other Related Policy

4-A-2 Decision-Making Framework