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Leading on Quality and Safety: Briefing for Hospital Trustees

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Board of Trustees' Role in Quality and Patient Safety

What are the Recommended Practices for Governance Leaders to Improve Quality Outcomes

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Les Selbovitz Jim Conway

Our Overview of Session Anchored in Discussion



- Overview of the Board of Trustees' Role in Quality and Patient Safety—Jim
- What are the Recommended Practices for Governance, Executive, Physician Leaders to Improve Quality Outcomes—Jim
- Engaging and Partnering with Physician Leaders—Les
- Creating Alignment for Quality—Les & Jim
- Disrespectful Practice Case Discussion—Les





What do YOU want to make sure we cover?

Leading on Quality and Safety

Briefing for Hospital Trustees

Overview

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For your service to your patients, families, staff, and communities.

At the State Level, Leadership from the Top

- Mass Hospital Association
 - State Wide Performance Improvement Agenda
 - 100% Board participation

MHA'S STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AGENDA ACHIEVES 100% HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ENDORSEMENT

TRUSTEE LEADERS SAY HOSPITALS "COMMITTED TO DOING MORE"

One hundred percent (100%) of MHA's acute care, long-term acute care and rehabilitation hospital members have endorsed the association's Statewide Performance Improvement Agenda (SPIA) through their boards of trustees. The SPIA initiative was spurred by MHA's Trustee Advisory Council (TAC) and approved by MHA's Board of Trustees.

SPIA is a commitment to move beyond public reporting to make measurable, concrete improvements in hospital performance. Specifically, the goals are to improve quality by reducing preventable mortality;

Why Do Boards Exist?

To represent the owners

Fiduciary Responsibilities Boards of Directors

- Non-profit and for-profit
 - Duty of Care
 - Directors carry out their duties in good faith with the duties of care, attention, and skill that a person in a like position would reasonablly believe appropriate
 - Duty of Loyalty
 - Directors are obligated to act solely in the interest of the corporation and to place the organizations interest above their personal gain
- Non Profit
 - Duty of Obedience
 - Directors are obligated to act in a manner that preserves the mission of the corporation.

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Miller TE, Gutmann VL. Changing expectations for board oversight of healthcare quality: the emerging paradigm. J Health Life Sci Law. 2009 Jul;2(4):31, 33-77. Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, Seton Hall Law School, USA. millertr@shu.edu

Boards Oversee, On the Owner's Behalf...

- Mission
- Strategy
- Executive leadership
- Financial stewardship
- Quality of care and service



- Establish Quality Committee 2. Establish the Foundation
- Bring knowledgeable quality leaders onto the board
 - Quality education standards for board
- Build a board culture of healthy conversations with MEC and administration



Prybil LD, et. al. Board oversight of patient care quality in community health systems. 2010. <u>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20042764</u>

Functions of a Board Quality Committee

- Recommend annual quality and safety aims to the board
- Integrate the patient and family into the committee
- Oversee achievement of quality and safety aims
- Oversee credentialing process integrity and reliability
- Oversee compliance with quality/safety regulatory requirements
- Recommend new/improved quality and safety policies to the full board for adoption, as needed
- Signal to management and medical staff desired quality and safety culture in the organization
- Build the team and provide locus for crucial conversations among board, executive and clinical leaders

Trustee-Basic Agenda Board Quality Committee

- Begin with a brief story of a patient experience
- Review the major quality and safety aims for the year, and the current "strategic dashboard" on performance toward those aims.
- Review sentinel events and reports of harm
- Review the "regulatory dashboard" for any exceptions—anything that is falling out of compliance, and hear the plan for getting back into compliance
- Consider any policy recommendations that need to be brought to the full Board, and vote on them
- Review the meeting itself. Did we talk about the important things? Did everyone get a chance to be heard? What could we improve?

Board Quality Committee Report to the Full Board

- Every board meeting
- First item on agenda
- Assume 25% of board time
- Trustee leads with management support.
- Always use language that allows trustees to apply their personal learning.
- Review the big dots in simple language.
- Highlight key issues that the committee is dealing with.
- Solicit feedback and questions.
- Make recommendations for policy changes.

Board and Board Quality Committee Struggles Observed

- Full Board disengagement
 - "The Committee will look at it"
- Board moves from governance to operations
 Into the weeds / No time for generative thinking
- Report overload
 - No time for discussion or questions
- The "Quality" trustee
 - "If it is about quality, Paul will catch it"
- The struggle of the lay board member
 - "What can I say? I'm not a clinician."
- The Board member in the community
 - Transparency and confidentiality
- This can't be done quarterly
 - No, many are meeting 10 to 12 times a year

Hot Topics:

- Growing board accountability CMS, OIG
- Overload / waterfall
 - Resourced systematic improvement
- Value/Waste:
 - Measuring & linking: quality, cost, service, satisfaction
 - Driving out waste
- Engaging physicians
 - Competence, disruptive behaviors, credentialing
- Serious reportable events / never events
- Boards: system, public, rural, critical access hospitals
- Dashboards
- Involving patients and families
- Governance and leadership assessment
- Forming a quality committee of the board



Comments, Questions, Answers

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More on recommended best practices for Governance and Executive Leaders?

ACHE Policy Position: The Healthcare Executive's Role in Ensuring Quality and Patient Safety

- Equipping the board with tools and information to provide appropriate oversight of the patient safety/quality strategy.
- Involving the entire executive leadership team in the patient safety/quality strategy.
- Engaging the medical staff as meaningful partners in the development and implementation of the patient safety/quality strategy.
- Developing processes to hear the voices of patients and families and applying their input in the design and improvement of care processes.
- Cascading a patient safety/quality orientation throughout the organization.
- Developing a culture of improvement that includes an organization-wide commitment to continuous learning.
- Rigorously seeking out and applying best practices.
- Providing open communication and demonstrating a commitment to transparency.
- Adopting information systems that support the patient safety/quality strategy.
- Encouraging organizational involvement in voluntary collaboratives. healthcare organization, active participation is encouraged.

Built off IHI Boards on Board Plank

2013: Some Recommended Best Practices

- Setting aims
 - Know your aims. Strategic as well as compliance
- Getting data and hearing stories
 - Focus is on all harm (patient and staff) and not just the tip
 - Data is transparent
 - Understand variation at the practice and practitioner level
- Establishing and Monitoring System-Level Measures
 - Don't get lost in the weeds of core and process measures
 - Value: Clinical, financial, service, and experience "dance"
 - Measure across care continuum (and not just inpatient)
- Changing the Environment, Policies, and Culture
 - Allocate significant time to quality, safety, risk
 - Measure and evolve cultural variation within organization
 - Respectful Management of Serious Adverse Events
 - Active engagement in and management of credentialing
 - Team building processes
- Learning
 - Conduct in-service and continuing education
- Establishing Executive Accountability
 - Clinical, financial, service, experience outcomes

Board Practices Impacting Outcomes A Growing Statistically Significant Evidence Base

Practices by Boards	% Practicing
At most board meetings, devotes a significant amount	68.5
of time to quality issues/discussion	
Has a standing quality committee of the board	65.2
Requires management to base at least some of the	63.2
hospital's quality goals on the "theoretical ideal"	
Requires the hospital to report its quality/safety	39.3
performance to the general public	
Both the board and the medical staff are at least as	49.0
involved or more involved than management in setting	
the agenda for the board's discussion on quality	
Reviews quality performance measures using	93.7
dashboards, balanced scorecards, run charts, etc., at	
least quarterly to identify needs for corrective action	

Questions That Every Board Member Can Ask About Clinical Quality

- Are we on track to achieve our aim?
- Are we executing our strategy to achieve our aim?
- Are we "off the rails" on any regulatory or compliance issues?
- How many patients is that?
- Who is the best in the world?

MD Engagement & Credentialing

What are Governing Boards and Executive Leaders Doing?

Credentialing

- Setting behavior expectations
- Setting peer review expectations:
 - measures and process
 - "report cards"
- Re-education on process
- Receiving segmented recommendations @ Board
- Discussing high risk cases
- Sitting on Credentials Cmte.
 - Permanent or "audit"

MD Engagement

- Active participation @ Board
 - Updates of activities
 - Time allocated for Q&A
- Retreats / Joint Education
- Partnerships
 - Agenda setting
 - Strategy setting
- Enhancing office based
 practice
- Compacts
- Coaching / consulting



What are your recommended practices?

Comments, Questions, Answers

Appendix





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http://www.ihi.org/knowledge/Pages/Publications/GettingBoardsonBoard.aspx

Outstanding Canadian Resources

- Effective Governance For Quality And Patient Safety In Canadian Healthcare Organizations
- Effective Governance for Quality and Patient Safety: A Toolkit for Healthcare Board Members and Senior Leaders
- Designing Effective Governance for Quality and Safety in Canadian Health-care



Quality and Safety Recommendation: Governance in Large Non-Profit Health Systems

Mount concerted initiatives — in partnership with their clinical leadership teams, other health systems, voluntary associations, and independent experts in this area to define more clearly the roles that boards and board committees can and should play in today's environment with respect to patient care quality and safety.

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CURRENT PROFILE AND EMERGING PATTERNS

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Q&A: Physicians on Hospital Boards: Prepare to Challenge Traditional Wisdom by Mary K. Totten

Editor's note: Relationships are changing between hospitals and physicians as they work more closely together to implement new models of care delivery and lead value-driven, integrated care systems. These changes also will affect physician board members, as traditional approaches to their selection and role are likely to migrate beyond ex-officio representation of medical staff needs and views toward broader competency-based, mission- and vision-focused participation. However, change rarely occurs without challenge. To help sort through some of these challenges, Great Boards asked John Combes, MD, President and Chief Operating Officer of the AHA's Center for Healthcare Governance, and Barry S. Bader, governance consultant and contributing editor to this newsletter. to share their views on the implications of health care transformation for physicians on boards.

Great Boards: What are the traditional roles physicians have played on hospital boards, and how have physicians come to serve on the board?

Bades: Physicians have been and should continue to be valued for bringing clinical incoviledge to help the board understand patient care, and for their connection to the medical staff spesspective on hospital matters. Imagine planning an ambulatory care center or approving a quality improvement plan without clinical expertise, and the value that physicians could being is clear. Many physician trustees if we met are smart, collegial and committed to the hospital. They make boards more effective in numerous ways.

On the other hand, some medical saffs traditionally viewed physician trustees as their "representatives" on the board, an outdated perspective that contradicts the fiduciary dury all trustees have to act in the best Interest of the entire organization, not a single stakeholder. One traditional means of selecting physician trustees — ex-officio seets for medical staff officers such as the medical staff president, president elect and past president perpetuate the notion that physician trustees are there to represent doctors.

Combes: The traditional practice has been to have the chief of staff serve on the hospital board in an ex-officio capacity without vote to represent medical staff issues and concerns. Over time,

however, as hospitals began to view physician as their "customers," more physician was not well-defined and often they were not oriented or developed to be effective board members. Today, more beards realize that the true value of having physicians at the board table lies in tapping their clinical and patient care expertise to advance the hospital's mission. Savey beards understand that the distinction between "ay" and "physician" board members is becoming more of an artificial one and that all board members should be selected for the competencies they can bring to effective governance.

Great Boards: Why has the motter of physicians serving on hospital boards became more challenging today?

Combes: As the workload for boards increases, finding the time to prepare and participate effectively is a challenge, not only for physicians on boards, but for all trustees. Financial relationships between hospitals and physicians are becoming more varied and complex, which will make it more difficult to find physicians who can serve as truly independent; stabeholder and mission-focused board members. Fee boards are conflict-free, and boards have processes for managing conflicts. However, some boards are seeking physicians who are retired, or who work in industry or for noncompeting health care organizations to avoid the conflicts that exist when physicians have a financial relationship with the hospital.

Bader: Board service today obviously is time-consuming, and that's challenging for busy physicians. The requirements for board independence and objectivity also run counter to allocating "representational seats" for single stakeholders such as the medical staff.

More important, though, the fundamental relationship between the hospital and its medical staff is changing. The medical staff none was a quasi-independent, self-governing entity of private practitioners who used the hospital's fecilities as a workshop.

Today, hospitals need physicians to function as full care team partners in order to become integrated

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Lifelong Learning

PHYSICIAN COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT



<u>http://www.greatboards.org/newsletter/2011/GreatBoards-reprint-2011-Physicians-on-Hospital-Boards.p</u> df <u>http://www.ahaphysicianforum.org/files/pdf/physician-competency-development.pdf</u>

Interesting 2012 Governance and Medical Staff Research Finding in the



" Increasing the number of doctors on boards significantly increases quality assessed in terms of Health Commission trust ratings, lower morbidity rates and increased patient satisfaction."

Trustee Advantage Facilitating Conditions

- •Adequate financial stability; •A CEO who is a champion, welcomes increased personal accountability for quality and safety, and is comfortable dealing with an increasingly activist board;
- Additional champions on the board and medical staff;
- •a non-defensive and open culture willing to confront deficiencies; and
- •a certain degree of progress already demonstrated on quality and safety improvement.



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Quality Curriculum for Trustees

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An IHI Resource Center Leadership Response to a Sentinel Event: Respectful, Effective Crisis Management



"In the aftermath of a serious adverse event, the patient/family, staff, and community would all say, 'We were treated with respect."

http://tinyurl.com/IHIEffectiveCrisisMgmt

Additional Resources Noted During Presentation

- <u>Bohmer RM</u>. Leading clinicians and clinicians leading. <u>N Engl J Med.</u> 2013 Apr 18;368(16):1468-70. doi: 10.1056/NEJMp1301814.
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Quality and Patient Safety Division of the Board of Registration in Medicine and the Massachusetts Hospital Association Engaging and Partnering with Physician Leaders

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Rest of the Agenda

- Engaging and Partnering with Physician Leadership presented by Les
- Creating Alignment for Quality presented by Jim and Les
- Disrespectful Practices: Case Discussion presented by Les





Hippocrates- 400 B.C.



Sir William Osler- 1884



Principles:

- What are the personality characteristics and motivations that drive individuals to become physicians? Corollary: How do physicians think?
- 2. The Vision
- 3. The Values
- 4. The Mirror
- 5. The evolution of professionalism
- 6. The imbalance between rugged individualism and team membership
- 7. Risk of trivialization of quality and safety: the importance of words and language
 - -Transactional derivatives



Principles (continued):

8. Do physician leaders passively emerge or are they actively created? Common characteristics? Clinical credibility, respectful behaviors, living in a culture of safety zone, approachable, more equanimity than lability, language, tone, careful framing of issues, collective medical I.Q.

-Influence, do not order

-Use power wisely \rightarrow correlated with erosion

9. Physician culture can be created or derived from these common leadership characteristics

- Totally ignore the physician business practice models
- All principles of professionalism are uniformly distributed
- 10. Trust and respect of physician leaders is the *sine qua non* of a high performance and aligned medical staff.
- 11. It's about CULTURE and ETHICS:
 - -Duty, Altruism, Respect
 - George Engel, MD patient and institutional approach



Practices:

- Time and attention to make credible, and in reliable fashion, the words and deeds that honor a culture of respect: the physician role model recognized and rewarded -Integrate physician leader(s) into Executive Management Team
- 2. Provide adequate resourses to build 360 relationships!
- 3. Support the quadruple mission of physician leaders:
 - PATIENT CARE EXPERTS
 - Educators
 - Discoverers
 - Citizens of the community
- 4. Create a supporting structure for the most powerful force to motivate physician introspection and desire to change:

PEER REVIEW

5. Appreciative Inquiry, coupled with accountability, fosters a respectful culture



Practices (continued):

- 6. Non-punitive peer review in an embracing environment: both safe and mandatory to participate
 - * Energy
 - * Commitment
 - * Optimism
- 7. Tools and methods to assure validity and reliability of peer review process to analyze care and then improve, measure, feedback, and adjust perpetually
- 8. Embody physician knowledge into *a priori* construct to guide care (eg, order set guidelines)
- 9. Blend inpatient and outpatient quality and safety accountability
- 10. Create a steering, operating and accountable committee structure for quality and safety programs that engages the Board of Trustees on a monthly basis
 - DEAL WITH THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM
 - TRANSPARENCY VS. THE HIDDEN AGENDA



Practices (continued):

- 11. Allocate dollars to reflect your hierarchy of values internally and externally:
 - Physician compensation for leadership
 - VBP and P4P incentives





NWH DEFINITION OF MEDICAL PEER REVIEW

Practices (continued):

12. A process to improve the quality and safety of medical care by which physicians are collegially, but formally, organized to review or investigate professional performance with attention to the applicable standards expected to be incorporated in the doctor-patient relationship and as an accountable member of the health care team.



Practices (continued):

13. THE TEACHING PRINCIPLE Unless each and every component of care is delivered in the exact fashion in which you would teach it, there is opportunity for improvement.

This defines the culture to allow all members of the medical staff to be leaders.



14. Practices (continued): Structure of Non-Punitive Peer Review Culture



NON-PUNITIVE PEER REVIEW vs. ARTICLE VIII (Corrective Actions) (Qualified Patient Care Assessment Plan)



No disciplinary authority
Refer to Chair/Chief

credentialing/privileging files



A May result in career altering actions around privileges and Medical Staff membership including reports to Board of Registration in Medicine and/or National Practitioner Data Bank



SUMMARY

LEAD EXISTENTIALLY AND STRATEGICALLY AS YOU WOULD TEACH IT



A doctor tends to a mortally ill child in Sir Luke Fildes's 1891 painting 'The Doctor.'

Disrespectful Practice Case Discussion



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Final Q&A



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Thank You



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