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Manual	GOVERNANCE POLICY		POLICY
Section 6.0	Fostering Relationships		
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Purpose

Bluewater Health is responsible pursuant to s. 24 of the *Local Health System Integration Act (LHSIA)* for identifying opportunities (separately and in conjunction with the Erie-St. Clair LHIN) to integrate the services of the local health system in order to provide appropriate, co-ordinated, effective and efficient services.

In keeping with its responsibilities for ensuring program quality and effectiveness and fostering relationships, the Board will take an active role in collaborating with the LHIN and other health service providers and the community to identify and undertake integration opportunities that are consistent with the mission, vision, values and strategic plan of Bluewater Health and in the best interests of the community.

Policy

The Board will:

1. participate in appropriate governance forums with the LHIN and with other health service providers;
2. ensure that the hospital’s strategic plan and supporting objectives address the integration requirements of the *LHSIA*;
3. consider specific integration initiatives recommended by hospital management;
4. establish mechanisms for dialogue with other health service provider boards and other persons and entities as required related to specific integration initiatives, and
5. monitor the progress of approved integration initiatives and the outcomes of those initiatives.

The Board directs the CEO to:

1. collaborate with staff of other health service providers and the LHIN to identify opportunities to integrate the services of the local health system for the purpose of providing appropriate, coordinated, effective and efficient services;
2. recommend specific integration initiatives for consideration by the Board;
3. identify performance indicators to monitor specific integration initiatives; and

4. report to the Board as to the progress of approved integration initiatives and the outcomes of those initiatives, as needs arise.

Monitoring:

- Method and Frequency:
1. Review of policy (every 3 years)
 2. Board Evaluation (as per Policy 5.86)
 3. CEO Evaluation (annual)