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Purpose

The Board of Directors' Award of Excellence Program is designed to:

- Provide the Board with an opportunity to recognize and honour the outstanding performance and achievements of peer-nominated staff and credentialed staff within our organization.
- To promote, reward and recognize employee achievements that especially demonstrate the values of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.
- To recognize and publicize the achievements of employees among the communities that we serve.

Scope

The policy pertains to all staff members and credentialed staff at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC).

Criteria and Procedure:

1. The Board Award of Excellence is a nomination-based award that is issued annually. Up to 4 individual awards will be issued per year.
2. Eligibility:
 - (a) Employees may be full-time, part-time, temporary or casual;
 - (b) Employees of any Hospital contracted services are also eligible;
 - (c) Credentialed staff are eligible for nomination
3. Ineligible:
 - (a) Group nominations;
 - (b) Members of the Senior Leadership Team as defined as "Designated Executives" in the MAHC Executive Compensation Framework.
4. Nominations will be accepted beginning in March through to on or around May 1st each year. Nominations must be received by the designated day and time.
5. Any member of the staff, Board, or credentialed staff of MAHC may nominate other eligible members for an Award of Excellence. A nominee may receive several nominations by different eligible members
6. All nominations must be completed in full and submitted by the nominator.

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7. All nominations will be submitted in confidence to the Executive Assistant of the President/CEO and Board Liaison, who will in turn submit to the Senior Leadership Team, as well as the Resources & Audit Committee.
8. Senior Leadership Team will assume the responsibility of recommending award winners to the Resources & Audit Committee, based on the information received in the nomination and their validation of the submitted information. Final decisions on award recipients will rest with the Board of Directors.
9. Awards will be given out based on the following:

The nominee demonstrates our organization's values, and must demonstrate or have demonstrated **one** of the following:

 - (i) significant achievement in patient and family centered care; or
 - (ii) significant accomplishment in the management of people, financial resources or material resources; or
 - (iii) successful completion of a major project of special assignment in a manner beyond what could normally be expected; or
 - (iv) an outstanding initiative which has resulted in significant monetary and/or non monetary benefits to MAHC in regards to increasing efficiency, effectiveness, improving patient/client service delivery or displaying innovation and creativity in their work environment.
 - (v) a staff member or credentialed staff who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment in regard to patient safety, has championed a new patient safety initiative or process or has thought of an innovative solution to a patient safety issue. The selection committee will seek concrete examples of the nominee's exceptional performance.
10. All nominations will be acknowledged to the nominators as they are received. A letter of congratulations will be sent to the nominee by the President and CEO, advising them they will be entered into the selection process.
11. All nominees will be acknowledged prior to the winners being selected at MAHC, as well as posted on the Intranet site.
12. Winners of the Board Award of Excellence will be recognized as follows:
 - (a) The award(s) will be presented at a Board Award of Excellence awards ceremony hosted by the Board of Directors . Invitations will be extended to attend the Board Award of Excellence awards ceremony to award recipients, nominees, and their families.

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All Managers, Directors, and Senior Leadership members will attend the ceremony.

All staff members and credentialed staff will be invited to attend.

- (b) The Board Award of Excellence award(s) will be presented by the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Resources and Audit Committee to award recipients. All nominees will be acknowledged.
- (c) Award winners will receive a specially inscribed accolade crystal award, and a day off with pay.
- (d) A photograph of all the winners will be taken and submitted to the local media for publication, as well as within the MAHC Matters newsletter and on the intranet.
- (e) The Manager will ensure there is an additional recognition ceremony in the primary work site for the award winner and nominees.

Nomination Packages:

Nomination packages are composed of:

- i) Description of the purpose of Award of Excellence program
- ii) Description of the nomination process
- iii) The nomination form, which contains the criteria for nomination with the opportunity to describe how the nominee meets our values and at least one of the criteria.
- iv) Selection will be based solely on the information presented on the nomination form.

Notes

Nominees *need not meet all of the criteria*, but nominators are encouraged to cite all that apply to the candidate.

When the selection process is complete, the nomination comments will be presented to the employee nominated.

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