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Care for All Webinar Series: Formation Opportunities for Board Directors

From The Sisters to Sponsorship: Signs of the Times for Governance

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Over 25 years ago, the idea of Sponsorship in Catholic Health Care governance began with congregations of Sisters discerning the “signs of the times” to ensure that the healing Ministries of Jesus they started would continue. Join Moderator Christopher De Bono in unpacking this history and the model’s promise as he engages three experts in Catholic health care governance. Attendees will understand how Sponsorship finds inspiration in Vatican II, provides structures for accountability and innovation, and is really about establishing the kinds of relationships and partnerships that help people and communities flourish. Just like the Sisters wanted.



After serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph’s Health System, Hamilton, Ontario, **Anne Anderson**, csj, has transitioned this year into the Position of Past Chair. She also serves as the Vice- President of the PJP-Diocese of Hamilton which oversees the ministry of St. Joseph’s Health System in the Diocese. Through the years Anne has served on many health-related Boards of Directors. She is a graduate of St. Mary’s General Hospital School of Nursing.

In her professional academic life, she has served as the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and later was appointed President and Vice Chancellor of the University of St. Michael’s College (Toronto).



Richard Corneil is the CEO of St. Joseph’s Health Care Society. The Society is the sponsor/ owner of St. Joseph’s Health Care London, St. Joseph’s Hospice of Sarnia-Lambton, St. Joseph’s Hospice of London and Hospice of Elgin. He has extensive experience with Catholic health care sponsorship and mission leadership integration. Governance is also an area of special interest, and he holds the Chartered Director (C.Dir.) designation from The Directors College at McMaster University.

Richard currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Governing Council of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and as a Director on all the boards under the Society’s sponsorship.



Beth Johnson is the President & CEO of CHSO and CCLC. Before she joined CHSO and CCLC in October 2020, she was the Executive Director of Mission Integration, Volunteer and Visitor Services at Unity Health Toronto, where she led strategic initiatives that ensured faithfulness to its Catholic identity, mission and values.

Prior to her role in mission leadership, Beth was the Chief Communications Officer at Providence Healthcare, Toronto, at the time of its integration with St. Joseph’s Health Centre and St. Michael’s Hospital into Unity Health in 2017. At Providence, Beth promoted a values-based culture, uniting staff around the organization’s mission, vision, and heritage.

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