

Hospital Governance

Gifford Medical Center is governed by bylaws and a volunteer Board of Trustees. Each member of the board is unpaid and is a professional, or retired professional, who lives or works in Gifford's service area. Members include everyone from a dairy farmer to a funeral director, a hospital pediatrician and a former state legislator. And many have long-standing ties to their communities.

Board of Trustees members

Executive Committee

Randy Garner, chair, funeral director, Randolph
Barbara Harvey, vice chair, business owner, Rochester
Bruce MacDonald, treasurer, water company CFO, Warren
Karen Gillespie Korrow, secretary, fuel company owner, Northfield
Joseph Woodin, chief executive officer, Gifford Medical Center, Sharon

Other members

David Ainsworth, dairy farmer, South Royalton
Linda Chugkowski, bank executive, Northfield
Jack Cowdrey, property manager, Randolph
Ty Handy, college president, Randolph Center
Judith Irving, women's initiative director, Brookfield
Paul Kendall, retired professional, Braintree
Richard Mallary, former legislator, Brookfield
Dr. Kevin McNamara, podiatrist and acting medical staff president, Barre
Gus Meyer, psychologist, Randolph
Jeffrey Steinkamp, retired professional, Rochester
Susan Sytsma, business owner, Randolph Center
Bob Wright, business manager, Randolph

Board meeting times

Not available at this time.

Contact the board

To find more about the hospital's governance and board activities, call the executive assistant to Chief Executive Officer Joseph Woodin:

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Get a copy of the Annual Report

Copies of the hospital's Annual Report are available at the Development and Marketing Department building at 5 Maple St. in Randolph during business hours. The building is generally open between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To have a copy mailed to you or for more information, contact:

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Public participation

Gifford Medical Center not only welcomes public participation, but as a small, community hospital strongly encourages it.

It is indeed a representation of the public – the hospital's Board of Trustees – that governs the hospital, and thus makes all of its yearly operational and longer-term capital and strategic planning decisions. These decisions propel the hospital into the future – with community members all the while giving board members direction, much like constituents to Selectboard members.

Annual Community Needs Assessment meetings, which are advertised and open to the public, help direct strategic planning and operational decisions. Meeting the community's health needs is also Gifford's mission. And a group of more than 100 volunteers helps the hospital accomplish that mission.

Volunteers generously give of their time at Gifford's Thrift Shop, gift shop and front desk. They raise money for the hospital, provide clothing for the needy, knit hats for babies born at Gifford's Birthing Center and make quilts for newborns or nursing home patients. They visit patients, provide office support and work at the Adult Day Program in Bethel and the Menig Extended Care Facility nursing home on the main campus in Randolph.

Gifford's Chaplaincy Program brings in additional volunteers. Twenty volunteers come to Gifford from six different area churches to visit patients. All chaplaincy volunteers are required to complete a 10-week training program. Each then commits to one two-hour shift each week visiting patients.

The hospital also partners with numerous community and state organizations and businesses to provide, and receive, services surrounding primarily community health issues and initiatives. Some of those partners are: the American Cancer Society, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of

Vermont, Brooks Pharmacy, Central Vermont Community Action Council, Central Vermont Council on Aging, Interfaith Caregivers, Ladies First, Northeastern Area Health Education Center Project, Randolph Recreation Department/Boys and Girls Club of the White River Valley, Safety Management Inc., senior centers and Vermont Safe Kids.

In addition, community members serve on hospital board committees. And the hospital's approximately 300 incorporators are kept apprised of hospital activities through the hospital's Annual Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting by the incorporators.

And a significant number of news releases to local media; a newspaper insert called Update and published throughout the region twice annually; some direct mailings; the hospital's Web site, www.giffordmed.org; and the hospital's carefully assembled Annual Report tell the public what is happening at Gifford. The hospital also opens its conference rooms for public meetings and hosts its own events, including community health fairs and clinics.

To volunteer

To volunteer at Gifford Medical Center, contact:

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To learn more about public events

To learn more about events happening at the hospital, log onto www.giffordmed.org, choose "News" on the left-hand column and read all about the latest initiatives at Gifford and community health offerings, such as classes, Healthier Living Workshops, support groups and more.

You may also call Robin Palmer at (802) 728-2284. Her complete contact information is provided earlier in this document.