

A conversation with Dina Schweber

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Dina Schweber, Chair of the Louis Brier Board of Directors

Dina Schweber is a Registered Dietitian with a Bachelor of Science (BSc Honors) in Dietetics from Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, followed by a one-year internship at the Instituto Nacional de Perinatología, Mexico City. Dina's career spans over 27 years of practice, predominantly focused on geriatrics, long-term care, and dementia care. She currently works as a Consulting Clinical Dietitian for Rosewood Manor in Richmond, BC, a vital not-for-profit community resource providing funded intermediate and complex care. Dina is a member of the College of Dietitians of B.C., Dietitians of Canada, and the Dietitian Network Group (VCH region). Dina was a participant of the Wexner Heritage Program, a 2-year learning and leadership development program. She also served as Co-President of the Richmond Jewish Day School, and a member of the Beth Tikvah Board of Directors, and a Campaign Volunteer for the Jewish Federation for almost 30 years.

What does the board do?

1. Primary role is governance of LBHH and Weinberg
2. Responsible for annual review of Constitution and Bylaws
3. Together with Management, continue to seek sustainable funding sources to support the organization's growing needs and to implement new measures for cost effectiveness.
4. Ensure proper compliance with the various guidelines and policies issued by VCH during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
5. Ensure proper implementation of the 2021 strategic plan.
6. Ensure Louis Brier works within the mission values frame work.
7. Performs and evaluation of the CEO annually
8. Coordinates with the Louis Brier Foundation for fundraising
9. Ensures review, reporting and action of compliance indicators as required by VCH
10. Fiscal responsibility of Louis Brier
11. Acts and an ambassador for Louis Brier in the community
12. Ensures succession and recruitment of Board members

13. Various other non-operational and more strategic objectives

Questions to Dina:

1. What you feel are the most significant projects or initiatives that the Board has in store for LBHH?

The current Accreditation is topmost importance right now. It is time consuming. We provide oversight but, the process to have all our accreditation elements completed is still a huge task. Integrating more deeply with the community we serve is important. It is important to get out and make connections, alliances, partners and advocate of LBHH.

2. What's happening with the new LBHH especial now that we know [JWEST](#) is not including a new LBHH in the project development.

The LBHH community will hear about our own redevelopment plans once permits are in order. LBHH had been in discussions with [JCC](#) regarding a redevelopment plan but for some reason it did not come to fruition. The Strategic Priorities Working Group, heading up the massive community development at 41st and Oak released the news and [kick start](#) of campaign earlier this year. Dina approached the Jewish Federation CEO asking that LBHH should have some presence on their campaign marketing literature along with the rest of community partners even if we don't receive the same level of financial assistance like other partners. This was done with the purpose to elevate the LBHH community presence.

3. is there a new strategic plan coming out 2023 since the old one was 2019-2023?

Yes.

Currently, still monitoring the reporting of the current plan and the push towards resident centered care. Governance on the deliverables in the strategic plan is a constant review and discussion with LBHH.

4. Will the Board consider taking the opportunity to integrate with families of residents in care as part of the focus of integrating more with the community? Many families at LBHH have deep connections with the Jewish community at home and abroad that could assist elevating the profile of LBHH.

Yes, while the Board does not get involved at the operational level, we understand families can be a great resource.