# **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

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### The Board of Directors held a meeting on April 4, 2019.

### 2018~2019 Operating Results

The Board approved the financial statements for the period ending February 2019. The Hospital continues to operate within budget and has been able to maintain the surplus it has generated in the first part of the year. This surplus is required to meet our working capital debt obligations. The hospital anticipates to close the year within the approved budget.

#### **New Board Member**

The Board of Directors welcomed Ms. Geraldine Deneault as a new member. Ms. Deneault has been elected President of The Auxiliary to the Cornwall Community Hospital on April 1, 2019. The President of The Auxiliary is an *ex officio* appointed member of the Hospital Board of Directors.

### St. Denis Centre

The Board of Directors endorsed the preparation of a community health capital submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the redevelopment of the St. Denis Centre.

The St. Denis Centre is a 16-bed supportive addiction treatment facility for men. The operation of the Centre had transferred to Cornwall Community Hospital in 2013 as part of the integration of the Addiction Services of Eastern Ontario. The Centre is currently housed in a century-old home.

# Adopt-A-Resident Program

The Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation made a presentation on the Adopt-A-Resident Program to Cornwall City Council on Monday, March 25, 2019. Council has graciously accepted to support this exciting initiative by pledging \$50,000 per year for a period of three years.

The goal of this Program is to sponsor one medical resident each year from 2019-2021 to receive specialty training in emergency medicine. In exchange for training, participating doctors will work in our Hospital's Emergency Department for a minimum of 2 years.

## **Pharmacy Department**

Last month, members of the Hospital's Pharmacy Department showcased our narcotics and controlled substances auditing and tracking practices and the impact on the total number of narcotic discrepancies at the annual conference of the Canadian Society for Hospital Pharmacies (CSHP). This is the largest Canadian pharmacy conference.

### Policies and Plan

The Board approved or revised the following:

- Policy CR 15-315 Individual Director Self-Assessment;
- Policy CM 10-045 Acceptable Use of Network Facilities
- Policy HR 10-740 Employee/Security Identification Badges
- Policy PR 10-005 Freedom of Information;
- Communication Plan 2019-2021.

# The Auxiliary to the Cornwall Community Hospital

The Auxiliary to the Cornwall Community Hospital held its Annual General Meeting on April 1, 2019. On that occasion, members were recognized for reaching key service milestones. As well, a donation in the amount of \$62,000 was presented to the Hospital towards the purchase of much needed equipment.

The Auxiliary provides volunteer services to the hospital as well as assistance towards the purchase of equipment, furnishings and other medical needs through fundraising projects.

### Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

- Cornwall City Council for their engagement and support of the Foundation's Adopt-A-Resident Program;
- **Ms. Lorna Grant** for her service as President of The Auxiliary and as a member of the hospital Board;
- Ms. Melody Crites, Manager of the Inpatient Mental Health Unit, for her many years of service to the hospital;
- Members of the Embrace Project for the successful launch of their web site;
- Members of the Youth Wellness Hub Team for the successful kick off day on March 22, 2019 attended by many youths as well as providers;
- St. Denis Centre personnel for their pride in ensuring a clean functional environment for the benefit of clients;
- Medical Quality Assurance Committee for their work in the achievement by the hospital of Level 1
   Certification from Choosing Wisely Canada;
- The Pharmacy Department for showcasing the hospital's narcotics and controlled substances auditing
  and tracking practices and the impact on the total number of narcotics discrepancies at the annual
  conference of the Canadian Society for Hospital Pharmacies held in March 2019;
- Dr. T. Youssef for his support and engagement in ensuring the 2018-2019 cataract volume allocation was completed.