BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The Board of Directors held a meeting on June 6, 2019.

Ontario Health Team

In partnership with twenty-one (21) local health care providers, an Ontario Health Team Readiness Assessment has been submitted for Cornwall and Area to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The geography covered by the submission is Cornwall, Stormont, Glengarry and Akwesasne. Participating providers included primary care, home care (private), complex continuing care, long-term care, paramedic services, Eastern Ontario Regional Laboratory Association, addiction and mental health and hospital care.

Operating Results 2019~2020

The Board approved the financial statements for the period ending May 2019. The first month of the year saw expenses slightly over budget. The Hospital anticipates closing the year within the approved budget.

Department of Health of Akwesasne

As part of its engagement with external health partners initiative, the Board of Directors welcomed Mr. Keith Leclaire, Director of the Department of Health of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Mr. Leclaire presented on the various health care services available in the community of Akwesasne. He highlighted that Cornwall Community Hospital provides secondary level of services for their community. Akwesasne includes four primary care clinics across its territory. The clinic in St. Regis has become a teaching site under McGill University and some of their medical students have completed a rotation in Akwesasne as part of their studies. Akwesasne community members have a choice of accessing mainstream or traditional medicine. The Department of Health has been accredited since 2005. Mr. Leclaire described health care services provided by the Department which include:

- Wholistic Health and Wellness;
- Tsiionkwanonhso:te Adult Care;
- Iakhihsohtha Home;
- Home Care Home Support;
- Community Health;
- Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits;
- Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance.

Plastic Surgery

Cornwall Community Hospital is working with The Ottawa Hospital to re-establish plastic surgery services in Cornwall. The Department of Plastic Surgery at The Ottawa Hospital is prepared to provide surgical and clinical services as well as some on-call coverage. Cornwall Hospital will be providing access to Operating Room and Clinic time.

Policies and Terms of Reference

The Board approved or revised the following:

- Policy IM 10-045 Incident reporting, Investigation and Follow-Up;
- Policy RM 10-180 Electronic Communication and Personal Health Information;
- Policy RM 10-622 Privacy Audits and Monitoring;
- Policy RM 10-170 Contract Management and Agents;
- Policy RM 10-725 Spiritual Care;
- Clinical Research Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

Accessibility Plan

The Board of Directors approved the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for September 2019-2021. The Plan will be posted on the hospital web site.

Youth Wellness Hub

Two locations have been identified to establish Youth Wellness Hubs in the Eastern Counties; one in Clarence-Rockland and the other in Cornwall in the former Schulman's store on Pitt Street. The selection of a central location accessible to youth was important. Renovations are currently underway at both sites, and it is expected that both Hubs will be opening in the Fall. Youth have been engaged to advise on what should be included in the Hub, and many stakeholders are providing assistance. The aim of this initiative is to improve outcomes for youth by co-locating services and providing one-stop access.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

- Ms. Julie Bernier and Ms. Stacie Currier on being nominated for a 2019 Nursing Hero Award bestowed by the Hospital News publication as part of National Nursing Week;
- Dr. Alphonso Burga, Ms. Andrea Cameron, Ms. Joy Cella and Dr. Serge Naoum for coordinating meaningful experiences for first-year medical students while they were in Cornwall as part of the University of Ottawa's "Week in the Country" program;
- Dr. Hooman Ghomeshi for answering the call for assistance by accepting to work in the Department
 of Emergency Medicine on Mondays and Tuesdays and this in addition to his responsibilities in the
 Department of Anaesthesia.

Progress Reports

The Board of Directors reviewed the following progress reports:

- Corporate Scorecard Final Report 2018-2019;
- Operating Plan Goals Final Report 2018-2019;
- Integrated Patient Safety and Quality Plan Quarterly Report; and
- Quality and Patient Satisfaction Quarterly Report.