

# **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

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The Board of Directors held a meeting on April 18, 2024.

# 2023~2024 Operating Results

The Board of Directors reviewed the Financial Statements for the period ending February 29, 2024. Year-to-date, the Hospital is forecasting a surplus of \$200,000. The working capital will be in a positive position at year-end. The Hospital's inpatient activity is expected to be 10,000 less than last year and is related to the reduction in length-of-stay. With respect to Quality-Based Procedures, the Hospital was allocated additional hip and knee volume and has completed a total of 350 knee and 239 hip surgeries over the year. Additional funds have been received as a result; however, expenses have also increased accordingly.

#### Board-Appointed Professional Staff By-law

The Board of Directors approved a revised Board-Appointed Professional Staff By-law. The By-law will be presented at the Corporation's Annual Meeting for confirmation.

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

The Board of Directors endorsed, on behalf of the Hospital, the Commitment from Leadership to actively join and participate in the Community Conversation Table initiative, as well as to actively embrace and uphold Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and anti-oppression in all aspects of our operations and interactions with the community.

## **Diagnostic Services**

The Board of Directors was informed that the Hospital continues to struggle with staffing stability in both magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT). This has a direct impact on the Hospital's wait times for these procedures. Wait times for Priority(P)1, P2, P3 are within target; however, P4 (non urgent) wait times exceed target 70% of the time.

As discussed before, the rate limiting factor is staffing. Mitigation efforts continue, retention and recruitment are given serious effort and Administration is hopeful that this area can be strengthened.

#### Akwesasne Cornwall Stormont Dundas Glengarry (ACSDG) Situation Table

The ACSDG Situation Table was officially launched in May 2017. The Situation Table is a diverse gathering of human service professionals trained to collaborate in a weekly process of risk detection, disciplined information-sharing and rapid intervention. The focus is on mobilizing service access and support sooner than conventional

crisis response pathways allow with a goal to identify and mitigate elevations in risk before harm occurs. A "situation" may pertain to a single individual suffering the onslaught of multiple risk factors; it may also pertain to something that is happening to a whole family, or a group of people.

The Table is made up of a core group of primary agencies representing social services, police/justice, health services and education. Ad-hoc agencies are called upon on a case-by-case basis to provide additional support to the primary agencies at the table when required.

Cornwall Community Hospital has been an active member in this initiative since inception. We are proud of our participation and the collective impact that the Situation Table has on the most vulnerable.

#### Recognition

The Board recognized the following teams and individuals:

Organizers of the successful Length-of-Service Awards event held on April 2, 2024;

Judy Dancause and her Team of Staff Volunteers for the lovely luncheon held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, to celebrate the Hospital's many volunteers during National Volunteer Week.

Harry Thelusmon of Diagnostic Services for the compassion and professionalism he displays in his interactions with patients.

Laboratory Services Professionals for their essential contributions to the provision of health care at the Hospital.

## Policies

The Board approved revisions to the following policies:

- IC 05-005 Infection Prevention and Control Program
- IC 25-005 Communicable and Reportable Diseases
- PR 10-065 Accessibility Accommodation
- PR 10-070 Visiting Patients Guidelines: Supporting the Presence of Families and Caregivers and Other Partners in Care.

#### Terms of Reference

The Board approved revisions to the following Terms of Reference:

- Infection Prevention and Control Committee
- Sterile Processing Committee.