

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The Board of Directors held a meeting on June 5, 2025.

Audited Financial Statements

The Board of Directors approved the Audited Financial Statements for the year-ended March 31, 2025. The year ended with an operating surplus of \$1,731,064.

The Financial Statements are available for viewing on the Hospital's web site under the "Public Reporting – Accountability" tab.

Patient Safety Quarterly Report

The Board of Directors reviewed the Patient Safety Quarterly Report dated May 2025. It was noted that with regards to the patient satisfaction survey and the question of whether the patient has received enough information from hospital staff about what to do if they were worried about their condition after they left the hospital, respondents answered as follows:

- Inpatients: 64% answered "completely" and 22% answered "quite a bit".
- Emergency Department: 47% answered "completely" and 19% answered "quite a bit".

Great River Ontario Health Team

The provincial government established a Primary Care Action Team, led by Dr. Jane Philpott, with a mandate to attach every person in Ontario to a family doctor or a primary care nurse practitioner working in a publicly funded system.

On January 27, 2025, the Government announced that it is investing \$1.8 billion to support the Primary Care Action Team's plan to attach every person in Ontario to primary care. The action plan includes a suite of initiatives, including a commitment to establish and expand over 300 additional primary care teams that would attach approximately two million more people to primary care by 2029. For 2025-2026, there will be an investment of \$235 million which will be used in part to establish and expand up to 80 additional primary care teams across the province that would attach 300,000 more people to ongoing primary care.

Round 1 is a targeted call for proposals. Primary care practices and clinicians providing care to people living in identified postal codes were invited to submit proposals through their associated Ontario Health Team (OHT) and Primary Care Network (PCN). The identified postal codes are based on the highest number of people not currently attached to a primary care clinician, including those on the Health Care Connect waitlist.

The deadline for all submissions was May 2, 2025, and it is anticipated that prospective interprofessional primary care teams will be notified of funding decisions in Summer 2025.

The Great River OHT was invited to submit proposals addressing the K6H and KOC area codes. The following proponents were included in the submission: Seaway Valley Community Health Centre, Glengarry Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic, Rideau St. Lawrence Family Health Team, Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health.

Board-Appointed Professional Staff by-law

The Board of Directors approved an amendment to Article 9.1 of the Board-Appointed Professional Staff By-law. Article 9.1 pertains to the composition of the Medical Advisory Committee.

Corporate Scorecard

The Corporate Scorecard 2024-2025 results to the end of Quarter 4 were reviewed.

The corporate scorecard is available for viewing on the Hospital's web site under the "Public Reporting – Accountability – Corporate Scorecard" tab.

The Auxiliary

The Auxiliary to the Cornwall Community Hospital is planning a casino night as a fundraising activity. The event will be taking place on Saturday, September 27 at the Agora Centre.

Terms of Reference

The Board of Directors approved revisions to the following Terms of Reference:

- French Language Services Committee
- Medical Advisory Committee
- Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee
- Quality of Care Committee
- Resources and Audit Committee
- Compensation Ad Hoc Committee

Recognition

The Board of Directors recognized **Jeanette Despatie**, Chief Executive Officer, and **Dr. Anastasios Boubalos**, Chief of Staff, for their leadership and commitment to health care in our community.

Policies

The Board approved or revised the following policies:

- HR 10-950 Workplace Dignity and Respect
- HR 20-055 Attendance Support
- HR 25-015 Employee Educational Reimbursement
- HR 30-035 Recruitment
- HR 30-675 Recruitment and Relocation Incentives
- IM 10-890 Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention

Plans

The Board of Directors approved the following:

- Communications Plan for 2025-2027;
- Accessibility Plan for 2025-2027.