

## *The Board of Directors held a meeting on April 1, 2010.*

**2009-2010 Financial Results** - The Hospital is forecasting an operating deficit of approximately \$2.3 million at year end. This excludes one-time severance and early retirement costs.

**Professional Staff Appointments** – The Board appointed:

- Dr. R. Navaneelan as Head of the Dental Service for the 2010-2011-2012 three-year term; and
- Ms. Melissa St. Cyr as Head Midwife for the 2010-2011-2012 three-year term.

Congratulations!

**Operating Room Project** - The contractor has commenced construction for the Endoscopy Suite on Level four north. This is quite visible from the back of the building as the ventilation duct connections can be seen from the exterior and the North vertical wall of the tower. This is only temporary and once the new operating theatre is ready they will be removed. The remaining interior construction is moving quite well and is scheduled for completion early to mid to late May. Completion meaning “hand-over” to the Hospital to prepare the area for patients, staff and physicians.

**Eastern Counties Clinical Services Planning** - There have been two meetings of the Eastern Counties Clinical Services Planning Steering Committee in March 2010. Reports and recommendations have been received from each of the Working Groups (Surgery, Medicine, Mental Health and Emergency). The recommendations made by the groups are operational and do not make a significant change to the distribution of services by hospitals in the Eastern Counties.

**Cornwall Amateur Radio [ARES]** - Cornwall Amateur Radio has been operating a repeater and antennae on top of the roof of McConnell Site for a number of years. We are currently working with ARES to install a ham radio in the Hospital’s Incident Command Centre. This could be used as a back-up system in the event all communications failed during an emergency such as telephone, computer links, cell phone service etc.

**Hospital Occupancy** - Over the past month, wait-times and patient flow have continued to be a challenge related to high medical occupancy rates and an average of 38 ALC patients, the majority awaiting LTC admission. There has been an average of 13 admitted patients in the ED waiting for an inpatient bed. There were 8 booked surgeries cancelled due to lack of beds, over the first 2 weeks of March. Nine (9) Paediatric Day Surgeries were cancelled one day, as we had no space available for these children on Paediatrics. ALC pressures continue to compromise our ability to meet our Surgical and Emergency Wait-Time targets. All areas of the hospital continue to be impacted and have their resources stretched while we attempt to cope with the situation.

**Geriatric Day Hospital** - To date, the Geriatric Day Hospital (GDH) has received a total of 28 referrals. These have come primarily from nurses trained in geriatric emergency management, with a few from the Geriatric Assessors with CCAC, Tri-County Mental Health Services, Dr. Reen and in-hospital physiotherapists.

The GDH operates with two groups attending, one Monday/Wednesday, the other Tuesday/Thursday. The initial group of 6 clients started on February 4 2010. The second group, also of six clients will start April 12.

Once in the program, clients are assessed by the disciplines; occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work and nursing. Services to active clients include a medication review, lab review and consult with family physician regarding identification of needs, cognitive testing, group and individual education sessions on a variety of topics such as correct use of medications, nutrition, exercise, group exercises, social work counseling and connection with other community resources.

**Pay for Performance** - On March 22, Paula Sleeman presented to other Emergency Departments in the Champlain LHIN some of the hospital's initiatives that are working well and those that would require further development to attempt to meet ER targets. There are several strategies that will be amended from those used last year. These will align with the hospital's other practice of planning for discharges using a traffic light system that will be implemented in May.

**Approved Policies** - The Board approved or revised the following policies:

- FN 10-065 – Supply Chain Code of Ethics
- FN 10-075 – Tenders and Proposals

**May is Sexual Assault Prevention Month** - As part of the Mayor's Task Force on Violence against Women and Children, the Hospital's Assault and Sexual Abuse Program will be doing an extensive banner campaign.