

The Board of Directors held a meeting on November 4, 2010.

2010-2011 Operating Results - The financial results to the end of September 2010 are within expectations. Although a slight deficit of approximately \$300,000 has been incurred to date, the Hospital is still forecasting a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year.

CCH Respiratory and Heart Failure Rehabilitation Program – The benefits of participating in the CCH exercise rehabilitation program are outlined in the Lung Association’s publication titled “Connections” Fall 2010 edition. This publication geared towards respiratory health educators, highlights a study undertaken this year at the Hospital. The results concluded that hospitalizations were reduced by 25% and emergency visits by 35%. The study was conducted retrospectively on 66 charts comparing 6 months pre-rehabilitation with 6 months post-rehabilitation. In addition to the decreased visits, other benefits of the program include decreased respiratory symptoms, increased exercise tolerance and an increased independence in activities of daily living. Congratulations to the team!

Interim Long-Term Care Unit - The Board has awarded the construction contract for the renovations for the Interim Long-Term Care Unit on Level 3 at 510 Second Street East to Robert J. Bourgon & Associates.

In order to address the needs of alternate level of care patients, the Champlain LHIN has approved a plan for the establishment of a thirty-four (34) bed Interim Long-Term Care Unit at Second Street Site. This Unit will be operated by a long-term care provider yet to be identified. As renovations are required to meet the Ministry standards for the operation of an Interim Long-Term Care Unit, a tender call has been issued for this work, and Robert J. Bourgon & Associates submitted the lowest bid. The work is expected to begin shortly and is scheduled for completion by February 2011.

Chronic Pain Management - On a recommendation from the Medical Advisory Committee, the Board has endorsed a motion to bring to the attention of the Champlain LHIN and The Ottawa Hospital the need for chronic pain management services in Cornwall for patients without a family physician.

Memorial Garden - It was reported that some trees in the Memorial Garden have had to be taken down because they were dying. In addition, five have had to be relocated because the gas line was being rerouted for the capital redevelopment project. Records of the trees are kept, and where possible, attempts have been made to contact the families of the loved one for whom the tree had been planted.

Housekeeping Services – Training and New Technology - Health care associated infections remain a significant risk to patient safety and can represent negative outcomes for our Health Care System primarily with placing additional pressures on our already strained resources. In light of this, the Hospital is currently organizing specialized training for the housekeeping staff. This is an Ontario Hospital

Association led initiative titled Environmental Cleaning Best Practices. This toolkit involves six modules including:

1. A better understanding of the principles of cleaning and disinfecting environmental services
2. Infection transmission risk assessment to different levels of cleaning
3. Cleaning practices for different types of care areas, including specialized cleaning for antibiotic resistant microorganisms
4. Frequency of cleaning
5. Cleaning strategies for spills of blood and body substances
6. Cleaning practices for non critical equipment and furnishings
7. Updated criteria for the handling and cleaning of laundry
8. Management of contaminated waste
9. Cleaning practices during and following completion of construction projects
10. Guidelines for auditing tools

Housekeeping has also acquired new technology called “Clean-Trace” ATP System. The device detects the presence of organic contamination that is not visible to the human eye. A surface may look clean but there is no guarantee it is. In 30 seconds, the device conducts a rapid hygiene test and assesses and measures surface cleanliness as well as validating the efficacy of our cleaning regimes. It also stores trending data to track and record results that can be downloaded to the manager’s desktop. Coupled with the training noted above and real-time technology we will be able to stay “ahead of the curve” with respect to cleaning practices; infection control resulting in enhanced patient safety.

Annual Accessibility Plan - The Board approved the Annual Accessibility Plan for September 2010 to August 2011.

Capital Redevelopment Project - A number of key activities have occurred recently:

- Mobilization for the demolition of the west wing building continues.
- Infrastructure work continues with major fire alarm installation and cooling /heating system upgrades, etc.
- The large framing noticeable as you drive along Guy Street is the support structure for the screening to conceal the new cooling towers.
- New generators have arrived on November 1, 2010.

Eastern Ontario Health Unit Gold Level Award - On August 31, 2010, Cornwall Community Hospital received confirmation from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) that it will be awarded “Gold” for 2009-2010. With this annual award, the Health Unit recognizes workplaces that encourage employees to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles. Our Hospital has been the successful “gold” recipient for the last four years since the program began in 2006.
