

***The Board of Directors held meetings on August 10 and 28, and September 10, 2015.***

## **Addiction and Mental Health Capital Project**

Authorization to award the construction contract to Bourgon Construction for the Addiction and Mental Health Capital Project has been received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. A ground breaking ceremony is being planned in conjunction with The Foundation for the morning of October 9, 2015. Details will follow.

## **Facilitating Health Integration through Teamwork (FHIT)**

Considerable time has been spent this summer working on the Cerner implementation. The level of engagement from staff and physicians is remarkable and the project remains on schedule and within budget. The team is currently preparing for the future state review which will take place in early October. The end result of this project will be an electronic health record, and targeted go live date is August 2016.

## **Ethics**

Jeanette Despatie, Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of the Ethics Program at Cornwall Community Hospital. She outlined a number of documents which guides decision-making in the organization, including the iCare Values and policies on Code of Ethics, Ethics Framework, Ethical Dilemma, and Supply Chain Code of Ethics. As well, specific to the functioning of the Board itself are the Conflict of Interest and Annual Director Declaration policies.

The Ethics Committee is a committee reporting to the Board via the Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee. One of its main responsibilities is to provide corporate oversight of the identification and process management of ethical dilemmas and/or issues.

The Hospital benefits from the services of the Champlain Centre for Health Care Ethics which are able to provide an institutional ethics scan, ethical consultation services, and capacity building and education.

In addition to day-to-day decisions, the Hospital's Ethics Program also guides the review of applications for hospital participation in research projects. Applications are reviewed by the Clinical Research Advisory Group and the Ethics Committee. The Board of Directors has the responsibility for granting final approval.

## **Accreditation 2015**

The Hospital is preparing for the 2015 Accreditation on-site survey. The survey team will be on site from September 21 to 24.

## Women and Children's Health

Better Outcomes Registry and Network (BORN) is Ontario's pregnancy, birth and childhood registry and network. Established in 2009 to collect, share and rigorously protect critical data about each child born in the province, BORN Ontario manages an advanced database that provides reliable, secure and comprehensive information on maternal and child care.

Because pregnancies and births in Ontario are thoroughly documented, and because the clinical data collected are complete, professionals in every discipline within the health sector gain vital knowledge they can apply to improve the system.

One of our quality initiatives over the past couple of years has been to become the **Birthplace of Choice** for our area. Heather Arthur, Vice-President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer, provided a report to the Board at its March meeting highlighting the many improvements that have been achieved. Our Manager of Women and Children's Health Services has been contacted by BORN Ontario requesting that Cornwall Community Hospital shares its success story and provides details on how these significant improvements have been achieved. BORN has indicated that the Cornwall's results on the Maternal Newborn Dashboard have improved so significantly that they wanted to share our action items with other sites.

## Recognition

The Board recognized the following groups and individuals:

- Mohammed Shaheen for his leadership and considerable attention in ensuring successful implementation of the Medication Reconciliation program at the hospital.
- Geriatric Day Hospital team for outstanding patient satisfaction survey results over the past two years.
- Hospital and Medical Staff involved with the successful implementation of the Closed Critical Care Unit model.

## Plans and Policies

The Board approved or revised the following:

- Patient Safety Plan 2015-2018
  - CR 05-005 – Code of Ethics
  - CR 10-005 – Culture of Safety
  - CR 10-026 – Participation in Research Projects
  - CR 15-185 – Ethical Dilemma Referral
  - CR 15-188 – Ethical Framework
  - HR 25-460 – Medical Devices Training New Staff
  - IM 10-045 – Incident Reporting, Investigation and Follow-Up
  - PE 05-460 – New and Upgraded Medical Devices Training
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