BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The Board of Directors held a meeting on March 2, 2017.

Moving on Mental Health

Ms. Deena Shorkey, Director of Child and Youth Mental Health Services at the hospital, presented the SDG Service Area 2016-2017 Children and Youth Mental Health Annual Report on the Core Services Delivery Plan and Community Mental Health Plan.

Cornwall Community Hospital has been designated by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services as the mental health lead agency in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. A lead agency's role includes local service delivery and planning, system management, pathways and partnerships, and an advisory function with respect to funding allocation.

Progress and key achievements to date include:

- Establishment of a parent support group with Parents' Lifelines of Eastern Ontario;
- Completion of focus groups for youth;
- Implementation of a bilingual Crisis Support Services Program, and development of a Virtual Emergency Department Psychiatric assessment pilot with the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario;
- Implementation of a Walk-in Counselling Project piloted in two schools with plans to expand to eight schools;
- Establishment of a French Language Services Committee and development of an inventory of capacity for specialized assessments for francophone youth;
- Submission of a proposal for the inclusion of residential beds at Laurencrest in mental health funding for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry;
- Continuation of the development of relationships with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Departments of Health and Community and Social Services and Board of Education;
- Implementation of a common standardized intake tool and introduction of a triage process for more timely response to treatment;
- Organization of meetings to address crisis situations involving use of substances;
- Leading the implementation of common evidenced-based program.

In 2017-2018, the Core Services Delivery Plan will continue building on progress made on the following priorities: family and youth engagement, crisis support services, out-of-home respite and specialized assessments. The Community Mental Health Plan will continue efforts on formalizing referral/pathway relationships with community partners.

The Change Foundation

The official launch of Cornwall Community Hospital's Changing Care Project is being planned under the leadership of the Change Foundation and is scheduled for March 8, 2017 from 1400 to 1530 hours.

Facilitating Health Integration through Teamwork

The hospital's Informatics Team continues to work diligently at optimizing the electronic medical record for all users. Uptake of the new system by staff and physicians across the hospital is very impressive.

Choosing Wisely Canada

Choosing Wisely pamphlets are now being printed and distributed to patients in the Emergency Department. It is believed that the medical education in these printouts will help the patient and physician make the right choices and reduce unnecessary treatments and tests.

Corporate Scorecard

The Board reviewed results of the 2016-2017 Corporate Scorecard to Quarter 3.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following individuals:

- Dr. Rachel Navaneelan for being honoured by the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year for 2016.
- Judy Swain for her contributions in the area of occupational health and safety, including her work with
 the medical staff and the revamping of the attendance support and disability management programs.

Plans, Policy and Form

The Board approved the following:

- SDG Service Area 2016-2017 Children and Youth Mental Health Core Services Delivery Plan and Community Mental Health Plan;
- Audit Plan for the 2016-2017 fiscal year;
- Quality Improvement Plan 2017-2018;
- Policy HR 20-005 N95 Mask Fit Testing;
- Physician Health Clearance Screen Form.