

The Board of Directors held a meeting on October 27, 2022.

2022~2023 Operating Results

The Financial Statements for the five months ending August 31, 2022 were reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Hospital is tracking on budget. There are a few minor variances, such as revenue on the positive side and expenses slightly on the unfavourable side, but these are one-time in nature. It is expected that the budget will break even at year-end. The balance sheet is in good shape. The current ratio is at 98%. The working capital is down somewhat, but the expectation is that it will even out as some of these one-time expenses cycle through the balance sheet. The COVID-19 expenses to the end of June have been reimbursed. While hospitals have been advised that COVID expenses are not reimbursable, as in the previous two years, the Ministry has advised hospitals to continue tracking these expenses.

Level 3 Inpatient Capacity Project

The Board of Directors were updated on efforts by administration to secure Ministry of Health approvals to expand inpatient bed capacity at CCH. A pre-capital submission has now gone forward to Ontario Health East and the Ministry of Health for funding to reintroduce the 3rd floor space as an inpatient unit.

We are requesting that (i) our current surge beds become part of our base funding operating allocation, and (ii) that the 3rd floor be repurposed to accommodate these beds and move patients from the temporary locations (former auditorium and surgical clinic space).

Meetings have been held with our MPP, Nolan Quinn, and staff from his office on this initiative. Both Mr. Quinn and senior staff from Ontario Health East are supportive of this initiative.

This project would have a very positive impact on our ability to meet our capacity challenges and improve both the patient and staff experience.

Great River Ontario Health Team

A new name for our local Ontario Health Team (OHT), Great River (GR) OHT, was agreed upon, following broad consultation. Great River is translated from *Kaniatarowanénbne*, the Mohawk place name for the St. Lawrence River. Work is underway to develop a logo and website for our OHT.

Our newest GR OHT Collaborative Council member is Human Services of Cornwall and SD&G. This latest addition to our team has responsibility for Ontario Works, Housing and Child Services, and linkages to municipality-provided social support, these services are critical to helping us provide a more integrated care experience.

Amongst many groups, our OHT has developed two key groups: 1) Digital Health; and 2) Quality, Equity, Education and Evaluation with strong support from CCH from our Transformation, Project Management Team, Health Information Services and Decision Support. This critical leadership is key to ensuring our work has solid foundations.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following individuals and teams:

- Dr. J.E. Augustin for his important contributions to the Department of Mental Health;
 - Dietary Staff for the successful implementation of the Comfort Kitchen model;
 - Staff in the Department of Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Women and Children’s Health Services, for their success at becoming the Birthplace of Choice, as evidenced by the recent baby boom at Cornwall Community Hospital.
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