

Board Meeting Highlights April 2021

Deep River and District Hospital
Four Seasons Lodge
North Renfrew Family Health Team

Education Sessions

- Janna Hotson, President and Chief Executive Officer, provided a presentation on the history of Ontario Health Teams, including progress and the current status of the collaborative “Network 24” Ontario Health Team (OHT) application. The overarching philosophy of people-centered healthcare design, with the goal to help individuals live as best as they can at home was, discussed in the context of the Board’s decision to support the “Network 24” OHT application.

COVID-19

- COVID Clinical Environment and Supports
 - The new enhanced trailer, provided by CNL, is now in use for COVID-19 testing. This trailer has individual patient care spaces, an accessible ramp, and negative pressure to support safety of staff and patients. The demand for COVID-19 testing remains consistent.
- Community COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution
 - Renfrew County continues to move through priority groups in the provincial framework for vaccine eligibility. COVID-19 vaccine clinics will continue to be held at the Chalk River Lion’s Hall on a regular basis, pending allocation of vaccine from the province.
 - To date, our organization has provided about 3,000 people with their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine!
- Health System Surge & Capacity Planning
 - COVID-19 case counts have surged throughout the province, with higher numbers than ever seen since the start of the pandemic. The number of patients needing emergency care, inpatient care, and also critical and ICU care are also higher than ever before. Across the province, hospitals are experiencing heightened demand for services, with Champlain Hospitals continuing to receive GTA and Central Ontario patients.
 - Provincial direction was given to hospitals to ramp down surgeries and non-essential activities. Prioritized (life or limb) and cancer surgeries are continuing while ramp down of non-essential services (i.e. ambulatory care) regionally is being determined at each organization based on the ability of staff able to be reallocated to support increasing bed capacity.
 - The organization has prepared the former physiotherapy area as an overflow inpatient unit, and is prepared to received up to 5 patients above the 16 current acute care beds when asked.
- Variants of Concern (VOC) and Enhanced Patient Safety measures
 - In alignment with recent recommendations regarding the COVID-19 variants, enhanced eye protection and PPE requirements are now in place for all Emergency Department patient encounters and throughout the building to improve staff/physician safety.

Auxiliary

- The Auxiliary Annual General Meeting will be held online on May 10th.
- The Auxiliary is excited to be providing the Hospital with a donation of \$80,000, which will be used to fund the creation of a new nursing station required for the Emergency Department.

Foundation

- The Foundation shared that the goal of \$1.75million for the “Focused on You” major campaign has now been reached! A generous donation by WCCT of \$12,000 supported this achievement, and a media release to share with our community the new equipment operating in the Hospital and the achievement of acquiring the funds will be shared next week.
- The online Catch the Ace raffle lottery, now in its thirty-third week will continue to provide revenues to the Foundation to support future needs of the Hospital. Weekly revenues now

reach \$1,600 each week the lottery continues. The progressive jackpot stands at the moment at \$23,220. Over \$27,000 in net revenues have been generated to date.

- The Foundation is also excited to announce in the second week of May, a fundraising program is being launched that ties into patient experience within our Hospital.

Health Campus Updates

Building Services

- Staff Washroom/Change Rooms
 - Staff washroom/change room upgrades were completed on April 21, 2021
- Medical Patient Deck
 - Deck on backside of medical is being resurfaced and expanded to facilitate outdoor visits and accessibility for patients. Work is scheduled to start April 26, 2021

Capital Planning

- With the organization embarking on several major capital initiatives over the coming years, capital equipment must be kept up to date and incorporate new technologies. A 5-Year Capital Needs Projection was presented to forecast the capital needs of the organization over the coming years. The projection will be used for planning internally, and will be shared with our fundraising partners of the Foundation and Auxiliary for future planning.

Capital Updates

- Electrical Service Upgrades
 - Work continues on schedule, however delays are expected due to supply chain issues with supplies and major components of upgrade
- ER Department Negative Pressure/Redesign (CMA Foundation Community Hospital Fund)
 - RFP has issued, closed and project has been awarded.
 - Submission of CMA Grant Project Documentation has been completed and submitted.
- Exceptional Circumstances Project (ECP) Submissions were submitted to the Ministry of Health for additional HIRF Projects including: domestic Hot Water Phase 2, Roof replacement, water drainage repair and sprinkler expansion projects

EPIC- Hospital Information System:

- A Governance Agreement to initiate the organization's transition to EPIC and integration into the Atlas Alliance was presented and approved to proceed as part of the *Fusion2* project. A Kick-off meeting is scheduled with *Fusion2* partners and The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) for May 12, to begin the organization's transition to an integrated hospital information system with TOH.

Long-Term Care Development

- Work with the Ministry on obtaining approval to proceed with our LTC Development project is ongoing. A high-level budget for the project was presented and approved to assist in moving the Ministry approvals forward, and to ensure our project is ready to move forward.
- The decision to strike a *LTC Development Committee* as a Board sub-committee was made, to support and direct the expansion project as a community initiative, rather than just an initiative of the organization. The committee will also increase our readiness overall.

Health Human Resources

- At a special Resource and Audit Committee Meeting, a *Strategic Human Resources- Recruitment and Retention* proposal was provided to the Board of Directors, with a summary reviewed at the full meeting. The two proposals presented support the "people" and "sustainability" pillars on our Strategic Plan, and direct resources towards as an investment in our people and the future. The Board approved the proposal as presented.

IT Services and Systems

- An *Information Technology Support Agreement* with North Renfrew Long-Term Care Services has been signed.