

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2011

- This month's Patient and Employee Safety Story involved caring for a bariatric patient and the challenges and limitations of our current patient lift systems in emergency department. An equipment review will be undertaken to identify and address any compatibility concerns with our portable lift equipment and internal and paramedic stretchers.
- The Human Resources Plan for 2011-12 was reviewed and approved
- A new Stakeholder Communications and Engagement Plan for 2011-13 was reviewed and approved.
- Courtesy Emergency Privileges were approved for 2 additional occasional physicians for our Emergency department
- The Chief of Staff led a short education session for Board members on the physician credentialing process as mandated by the Public Hospital's Act and the respective roles of the Board and Medical Advisory Committee in the local process.
- Preliminary details of the planned Strategic Planning Retreat to develop a Strategic Plan for 2012-2015 planning period were reviewed. The event, planned for December 02 and 03, will involve Board, leadership team, and representative employees, partners and community members.
- The Chief Nursing Officer provided an overview of the community benefits arising from the Partnership Agreement with CHEO. This agreement has now been in place for one year and is being featured at a national symposium on Pediatric Care
- The Chief Financial Officer reviewed the first 5 months of operations and highlighted that the operating margin is approximately \$55,000 better than budget forecast to this point
- The Board received a presentation on the centralization of the Hospital Laboratory Services across the LHIN into the Eastern Ontario Regional Laboratory Association (EORLA) to take effect April 01, 2012. There will be several legal agreements that will require Executive and Board review and sign-off. There are no anticipated service impacts for DRDH as a result of this organizational change.
- The CEO reported on his attendance at a recent Health Care Governance Forum and highlighted several areas of interest for consideration locally.
- Board Committee Minutes and reports from Medical Advisory Committee, and the Strategic Planning and Partnership Committee were reviewed and accepted.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Classroom of the Hospital. Members of the public are welcome to attend.