

SUMMARY NOTES
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011

- The chair made note of the implementation of suggested changes in the meeting Agenda format to assist in more efficient time management at Board meetings
- The meeting's Patient Safety story related to an incident of an overdue local lab report being received two weeks later than expected from another Hospital lab. In this case, there were no adverse effects on the quality of care for the patient involved. Although the incident is being reviewed by the other Hospital's quality program, this incident has resulted in modifications made to our own internal audit and tracking system for lab samples for which we have not received reports back. The Board was also briefed on the Emergency Department's follow-up process for those lab tests ordered by a visiting emergency department physician who may not be back in our hospital for some time in the future.
- With the new presence of medical residents periodically working our emergency department, the Board reviewed and approved an updated policy dealing with the credentialing of medical residents as well as medical students when they are fulfilling a portion of their education requirements using our facilities.
- A number of interim credentialing recommendations were approved for medical residents, medical students and visiting emergency department physicians
- The Board was briefed on preparations related to the planned proactive disclosure of DRDH executive contracts on our Hospital website during the first week of January
- The Board had a preliminary discussion on the operational challenges and related policy issues arising from those patients remaining in the Hospital's acute care beds following a medical assessment by the physician and the discharge planning team that the patients were no longer in need of the level of care provided in an acute care unit of the Hospital. This matter will be brought back to the Board for a more detailed discussion at a future meeting.
- The Board reviewed informational reports related to the Chair's recent activities with other Board Chairs in the Champlain LHIN, from attendees to the recent health Achieve Conference in Toronto, and from the Hospital's executive team.
- The meeting adjourned to the home of the Board's Vice Chair for a seasonal festive gathering.