



*The Board of Directors held a meeting on June 1, 2023.*

## Trauma Centre

In light of its geographical situation, Cornwall Community Hospital has been identified as a candidate to work towards becoming a Trauma III Centre. Level III trauma centres provide initial care to major trauma patients and transfer patients in need of complex care to a Level I or II centre. They are also expected to provide complete care to all less severe trauma cases. The Hospital is in the final phase of defining the terms of reference on how to achieve this designation in the future. This is a long-term aspirational goal. Appropriate manpower resources will be required to be able to ensure capacity to respond to a trauma at that level 24 hours a day, and this will take time. In our region, there are no Level III trauma centres. The Ottawa Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario are designated as Level I trauma centres.

## Hospital Service Accountability Agreement

The Board of Directors approved the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement with Ontario Health for 2023-2024.

## At Home Program

Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) received in-year Ministry funding in early December 2022, for a program aimed at decreasing the alternative level of care (ALC) patient population within hospitals and ensuring safe care at home. CCH worked quickly to partner with Bayshore to create the "At Home" program.

The program is designed to care for discharged patients who meet the criteria of being at home and requiring services from nurses, social workers, personal support workers, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. While focusing on a decrease in the ALC population, the program also aims to transition patients to independent living (with minimal assistance) following the 16-week period.

We have experienced positive results from the program. From the launch date of January 13<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, CCH discharged a total of 35 patients to this program. Twenty-seven (27) of these were admitted patients and 8 of them directly from the Emergency Department (never admitted). Nine (9) of these patients were already designated as ALC while others required multidisciplinary care and were potential long-term admissions or ALC in the future.

Managers, the flow team, nursing and the physicians have provided extremely positive feedback. Dr. Celine Lemire is confident that without this program, a good portion of these patients would have transitioned to ALC or long stay admissions.

The patients receiving care have also reported high satisfaction with the program.

We are hopeful the funding will continue, however, while the Ministry has not announced further funding of the program yet, CCH has made the decision to temporarily support the program, anticipating a funding announcement in the near term.

## Extern Funding

Cornwall Community Hospital has taken advantage of the Extern funding provided by the Ministry of Health and has a temporary full-time Extern Mentor assisting our externs and new nurses. The Hospital has received word that the Ministry will provide funding to all hospitals to initiate a further mentorship of two full-time equivalents. These Mentors will be called Clinical Scholars, and their purpose will be to provide guidance and mentorship to all new nurses. The official funding letter is expected by the end of June 2023 and we look forward to these professionals complementing the Hospital's Professional Practice Team.

## 2022~2023 Corporate Scorecard Report

The Corporate Scorecard results to the end of Quarter 4 were reviewed. For a number of indicators, the data for the last quarter is unavailable at the moment.

## Accreditation Canada Survey

Accreditation Canada has approved the postponement of Cornwall Community Hospital's survey to May 5-8, 2024. During this time, the Hospital remains an accredited client of Accreditation Canada.

## Recognition

The Board recognized the following teams and individuals:

**Yvonne Bakker**, in appreciation of her involvement as Board Member from June 2014 to June 2023 and as Board Vice-Chair from 2019 to 2023.

**William A. Knight**, in appreciation of his involvement as Board Member from June 2014 to June 2023.

**Karin Hagen**, Chief Financial Officer, **and the Finance Team** as they are going through the reconstruction of the financial and payroll systems.

## Policies

The Board approved revisions to the following policies:

- CM 10-620 – Provision of Cellular Phones
- HR 20-090 – Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS/WHMIS 2015).

## Terms of Reference

The Board approved revisions to the following terms of reference:

- Finance and Audit Committee
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- Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee
- Compensation Ad Hoc Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Clinical Research Advisory Group