



THE COMMUNIQUÉ

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on 01 November 2016.

Special Celebration – Seventieth Jubilee – A special cake was presented to Sister Annette Valade, in celebration of her Seventieth Jubilee in Religious Life. Congratulations and appreciation were extended to Sister Valade at this exceptional anniversary.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed Clinical Software Purchase – An information meeting was held with both Dr. Patel and Dr. Foley present on October 27th. A director of the company received input from the physicians. Under development is a portal which will allow physicians to order medications. An electronic medical record (EMR) to meet the physicians' needs will be challenging but, moving forward, work will continue with this company. Both Dr. Patel and Dr. Foley indicated they were satisfied with the Point Clinic Care clinical software which eighty percent of facilities in Ontario use. The Board of Directors approved the purchase of the "Point Click Care" clinical software.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Card from Sister Valade – In this card, Sister Annette Valade thanks the Board of Directors for the flowers which she received in Kingston for the Seventieth Jubilee of her Religious Profession.

Thank You Card from Auxiliary – The Auxiliary celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary in September. In this card, the Auxiliary Members thank the Board of Directors and staff for the floral arrangement sent for this celebration.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire's report included Ontario Association of Homes and Services for Seniors (re Long-Term Care Administrator Course), Good News Items (Spiritual and Religious Awareness Week; Mission Week is this week), and Census data. Also discussed:

Sub-acute Capacity Planning – Work continues in order to improve patient flow and meeting our new Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) requirements of reaching a 90-day length of stay for all admissions to Complex Continuing Care (Restorative Care). Our participation will increase at the weekly flow meetings between Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH), the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and our Centre. Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire has been appointed to the Executive Steering Team for Sub-acute Capacity Planning.

Bill 41 – Patients First Act, 2016 – The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, introduced this Bill on October 6th. *Bill 41* replaces June's *Bill 210* and offers significant changes:

- Public hospitals and the Ottawa Heart Institute have been exempted from the LHINs' new powers to issue operational and policy directives to Health Service Providers (HSPs);
- Long-Term Care remains exempt; and
- The LHIN may not issue directives that would unjustifiably require an HSP that is a religious organization to do something contrary to the religious of that organization.

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) – The revised *H-SAA Amending Agreement* for years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 was circulated in advance, appended to Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire's report. While we are currently on track to meet the metrics for 2016-2017, the 2017-2018 targets are aggressive and would require an Average Length of Stay (ALOS) of ninety days for every patient. Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire indicated that we would need help from the LHIN to transfer the ALC patients awaiting LTC placement by 31 March 2017. We are presently researching community housing options such as assisted living, group homes, or similarly-supported accommodations.

ETHICS AND MISSION COMMITTEE

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) – Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire will include a segment on MAID in her segment of the staff education day. The Committee will address policies at the November meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Financial Statements – The *Financial Statements* for the six five months ended 30 September were approved by the Board of Directors.

2017-18 Projected Hospital Funding – Administration has been working internally on the budget and, at this time, the anticipated budget shortfall has been reduced to approximately \$500,000 (from \$640,000). Mrs. Lafrance-Allaire will meet with Mr. Eric Partington, Senior Director, Health System Performance of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) on 03 November 2016.

Balcony Roof Capital Project -- The Board of Directors approved a motion that this contract be awarded to Cor-Tek Industrial Services, who had the lowest bid. Three bids were received.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Mrs. Payette summarized her report including: The HAAO Ontario East Fall Conference held in Hawkesbury, the ongoing success of the Casino Trips, and the upcoming Snowflake Bazaar on December 1st.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – The Centre's *Education Calendar* for November 2016 and Governance Educational Opportunities were circulated to the Board of Directors for information.

***The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, 06 December 2016 at noon in the Boardroom.***