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York Central Hospital Receives Operational Review Report

Operational Review team identifies opportunities to reduce cost, enhance efficiency while maintaining quality and safety:

RICHMOND HILL –York Central Hospital’s Board of Trustees received the final Operational Review Report from consultants Corpus Sanchez International on the hospital’s financial situation. Mandated by the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), and led by a Steering Committee comprised of external experts, the hospital initiated this Operational Review to deal with a significant potential deficit and in an effort to create a sustainable financial future.

Although the hospital is anticipating additional funding this year that is yet to be finalized, the operational review of York Central Hospital is forecasting a potential deficit of \$10 - \$12 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011. A number of cost saving strategies have already been implemented, but more work is necessary to improve efficiency and ensure the hospital can successfully live within its financial means.

The Review Team met with over 200 front line staff, physicians, managers, and Board members to identify potential areas for increased efficiencies while maintaining our commitment to quality, safety and access to care. Through this process, the CSI experts identified 54 recommendations that will be used as a road map for moving forward with an action plan.

Key areas of focus to achieve the necessary savings will include realizing efficiencies through: greater standardization of supplies, achieving greater clinical efficiencies, creation of larger and more efficient patient care units, strict unit/program level cost containment strategies, review of staffing patterns and models of care, review of scope of service compared to peer hospitals and opportunities for greater partnerships with other providers.

York Central Hospital is committed to ongoing communications and stakeholder engagement and remains focused on improving efficiency while preparing for the submission of a Hospital Improvement Plan to the Central LHIN by the end of August.

The LHIN will receive the submission of the Hospital Improvement Plan as part of the ongoing process to review and work closely with York Central Hospital.

Quotes:

“This review represents a turning point for York Central Hospital and we accept responsibility for our role in ensuring long term financial stability,” says Tony Genco, Chair of the York Central Hospital Board of Trustees. “Although we recognize the significant challenges in implementing such a comprehensive and far reaching change mandate, we believe it is critical to transforming the hospital into a highly efficient organization with the capacity to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community. As always, we will work closely with the Central Local Health Integration Network to ensure our community needs are met and that we are progressing towards the submission of the Hospital Improvement Plan.”

“The Central LHIN Board is looking forward to receiving the Hospital Improvement Plan incorporating the appropriate findings and recommendations from the report that has been developed,” said Ken Morrison, Chair of the Central LHIN Board of Directors. “We will continue to work with the hospital to ensure high quality and sustainable health care in the community and we commend the staff and physicians at York Central Hospital for their participation in this review.”

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