

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL
President and CEO Report – June 2023

Education Session

For this month's education session, the Board welcomed Lisa Bradley, Clinical Director of the Rehabilitation Program and physiatrist Dr. Debbie Timpson who provided an overview of the Champlain Regional Stroke System with particular focus on Pembroke Regional Hospital's role as a District Stroke Centre to deliver best practice stroke care within Renfrew County. The presentation will cover the patient and family journey throughout the system with a case example and they will showcase our role as a District Stroke Centre in strengthening community partnerships.

Memorial Service

On June 4th, our hospital hosted one of two bi-annual public memorial services celebrating the lives of those who have died while in our care. The service held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was attended by 100 friends and family members and provided an opportunity for families to light a candle in honour of their loved one as their name was read out. Following the service, a small reception was held in the parish hall. Many people helped make this service a success including a Protestant pastor, a Catholic priest, an outstanding musician and singer, hospital staff and volunteers. Many family members expressed thanks to the hospital for honouring their loved ones and offering ongoing support for families.

EDI Committee

As you know, our EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Committee has been meeting regularly while developing ways in which our hospital can improve not only the patient experience but also our work environment so that everyone feels a sense of belonging and acceptance while receiving care or employed as part of our health care team.

Part of this work includes the expanded recognition and celebration of all those who are part of our community by acknowledging special days, weeks or months on our digital screens and social media sites. We are also trying find ways to do more and this month is no exception.

In June we recognized and celebrated Pride Month and National Indigenous History Month with the following activities:

- June 21st, 1-2 p.m., Chapel – Healing Circle / Native Drumming with Nish Nabie
- June 21st, 12 – 5 p.m., Pembroke Waterfront - PRH had representation at the National Indigenous Peoples Day event
- June 22nd, 12:30 – 1 p.m., PRH Board Room – Lunch 'N Learn with representatives of Pflag Canada – Renfrew County, Pembroke Pride and Renfrew Pride with a focus on resources within the county and ways in which we can support both our PRH community and those who come to our hospital for care. This will include such topics as the use of pronouns, how to address individuals and more.
- June 26th, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., PRH Board Room – Lunch 'N Learn with representatives of Pembroke Pride and Renfrew Pride. This session had the same content as the one on June 22nd.

- July 5th, 12 – 1:30 pm., Rehabilitation Patio / Dining Room – We hosted The Kairos Blanket Exercise facilitated by representatives from The Circle Of Turtle Lodge in Golden Lake. This 90-minute learning opportunity featured participant interaction and tells the story of Canadian history from an Indigenous perspective. The session concluded with an opportunity to discuss and share feedback about the experience.

Staff Appreciation BBQ

As part of the hospital's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate all members of our health care team, our annual Staff Appreciation BBQ was scheduled for June 28th and was once again catered by Harvey's. It's always a big hit with our staff!

Summer Edition of Community Connection

The Summer 2023 edition of our public newsletter which is also being formatted as somewhat of an annual report and review of the past 6-12 months, will be on our website and will find its way into mailboxes throughout our region in early July. As always, any feedback on our public communication tools is most welcome.

Summer Break

As we take a break for the summer, I hope that you will all have an opportunity to get some rest, enjoy whatever activities make you happy and that you stay healthy! See you in September!

Actions Taken by the Board at its June 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Approved the following appointments/reappointments:

- One new physician for Term privileges
- Three physicians and Term privileges
- One physician for Courtesy privileges
- Chief of Psychiatry – Dr. Valentine Okechukwu
- Chief of Hospitalist Medicine – Dr. Anne-Marie Savoie

Approved an extension to the Hospital Services Accountability Agreement (HSAA) to September 30, 2023