

CEO Report to the Atikokan General Hospital Board

Regular Meeting of March 2, 2016

Project

After recent meetings with the project manager, architect and general contractor we were able to provide the ministry with an update on the schedule. The architect and general contractor forecast that they will be approximately 32% complete by March 31, 2016. The current project schedule shows us occupying the new acute wing in August of this year with total completion now slated for May 2017. We will continue to receive updates as the project progresses.

Workforce Excellence

The Nursing departments continue to struggle with vacancies and lack of staff. Excessive overtime is occurring among the senior staff, plus as reported in the Patient safety report, we have had a marked increase in admissions with a census sometimes near capacity. Management and the union have begun talks on some options to relieve the stress.

Integration / Regional Projects

- Health Links- AGH continues to work with Riverside Health Center, the LHIN, and other Health Service Providers in our Rainy River Integrated District to identify the high users in our system. The ministry is asking us to focus on those patients with four or more chronic conditions like mental health, addictions, palliative care, and frail elderly.
- The Ministry continues to request input to their Patient's First Proposal.
- Northwest Health Alliance - The CEO is on the board of this organization which aims to coordinate common shared services for all the hospitals and CCAC. We are presently working with a consultant to explore the benefits of expanding our services to some of the other 93 HSP's in our LHIN. We are researching possible new governance and cost sharing models. A report is due at the end of March
- Northwest Health Network – This group , made up of all the hospital CEOs plus the LHIN, CCAC and mental health received a proposal on the next steps for Computerized Provider order Entry (CPOE)
- The delivery of services in the diabetes program will be changing. The LHIN confirmed that they will cease funding the hospital for our .4 FTE nurse. These services will now be provided from the Family Health Team (FHT). We will continue to receive funding support for our dietician who will provide services from the FHT outreach location on Zuke Road. This decision has not been communicated yet to the public, but a communication to the clients/ patients will be forthcoming.