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Ms. Barb Cameron
Board Chair
Peterborough Regional Health Centre Board
1 Hospital Drive
Peterborough, ON K9J 7C6

Dear Ms. Cameron:

Re. Peterborough Regional Health Centre Peer Review – Final Report to the Board

On behalf of the Board of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN), I am pleased to forward a copy of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) Peer Review – Final Report to the Board of PRHC. This comprehensive review, conducted at the request of the CE LHIN Board by Peer Review lead, Dan Carriere and his team, provides an assessment of the contributing factors in the financial difficulties experienced at PRHC and makes recommendations for improvement in the management and operation of PRHC.

It is our Board's expectation that the leadership at PRHC will now review the recommendations contained in this report and prepare its own PRHC board-approved Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP), detailing how PRHC will achieve a balanced or surplus budget position by March 31, 2012 and maintain a balanced position for subsequent years. PRHC is encouraged to engage its stakeholders in the development of the HIP.

We are encouraged by the steps already taken by PRHC to address its financial challenges as it continues to provide safe, high quality, accessible health care services to its patients in Peterborough and the surrounding communities. The hospital has a strong role to play in the system of health care in the CE LHIN and, in the Clinical Services Plan, has been identified as a regional provider for a number of important services. We will continue to support your administrative, clinical and management teams as together we get PRHC back on a sound financial footing.

Thank you for the outstanding support your organization provided to the Peer Review Team as they prepared this report. We look forward to receiving your PRHC board-approved HIP by June 30, 2010 and expect that you will present it to the CE LHIN Board at our July Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Foster Loucks
Chair
Central East Local Health Integration Network

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