

LHIN APPROVES NHH HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
All services to continue as hospital focuses on quality and sustainability

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The Central East LHIN Board of Directors held a special open board meeting yesterday to review a revised version of the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Hospital Improvement Plan, approved by the NHH Board of Directors at its meeting on January 7th.

Based on an analysis done by LHIN staff, which confirmed that most of the initiatives contained in the revised HIP provided the additional detail so that the hospital's progress could be measured, the LHIN Board passed a motion that will now see NHH move forward with implementation of the HIP.

With this approval, the hospital, which contemplates no reductions to its current volumes or types of services, will now begin working collaboratively with its physicians, staff, volunteers, patients and others to pursue improvement initiatives in five key areas including Enhancing Board Governance and Management; Utilization Efficiencies; Clinical Efficiencies; Operational Efficiencies and Integration.

The LHIN staff presentation also highlighted the significant savings that NHH could achieve related to the integration initiatives and therefore the LHIN Board motion directed NHH to accelerate the development and implementation of concrete action plans with a report back to the LHIN Board in April.

Recognizing its responsibility to local residents to support the financial sustainability of the local hospital, the LHIN also provided NHH with \$1,649,600 in one-time funding in the current fiscal year to support the costs associated with implementing the HIP.

The hospital will now report back regularly to the LHIN on the implementation of the revised HIP as it continues to provide high quality, safe and accessible services to its patients and local residents.

QUOTES

“I would like to congratulate the leadership of Northumberland Hills Hospital and the Central East LHIN for their ongoing dedication to ensuring that the local hospital continues to meet the needs of the growing population in Northumberland County, especially our seniors and young families.”

- Lou Rinaldi, MPP Northumberland-Quinte West

“The LHIN Board recognizes the substantial amount of work that has been dedicated to the development of NHH's Hospital Improvement Plan and thanks its Board, leadership team, physicians, staff, volunteers and local residents for their participation and commitment. The LHIN – its Board and staff – will continue to work collaboratively with the team at NHH as it moves into the implementation phase.”

- David Sudbury, Vice Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors

“NHH thanks the Central East LHIN for the approval granted today to move forward with the initiatives set out in the Hospital Improvement Plan. This Plan is the result of a great deal of work, both on the part of the LHIN and NHH. Its approval comes with a significant new LHIN investment in our community to help us achieve efficiencies over and above those we have achieved in recent years. As the External Operational Review has confirmed, NHH is delivering the services required by this community. The Plan approved yesterday will help us continue to deliver those services while working together with our LHIN on future financial sustainability for NHH.”

– Jack Russell, Chair, NHH Board of Directors

QUICK FACTS

- A HIP is a document that is expected to be comprehensive, implementable and in the best interest of local residents to assure the sustainable provision of appropriate and accessible high-quality acute care services in the context of the local health system, local strategic aims and priorities, applicable provincial legislation, and Health System Funding Reform.
- Based on extensive engagement of and input from affected stakeholders, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released the [Guidelines for Hospitals Audits and Reviews](#) in June 2011 to assist all LHINs and hospitals.
- Support for NHH has been managed in the context of a continuum of interventions detailed in the Guidelines.

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To review the presentation from the January 13th LHIN Board meeting, please visit the Central East LHIN website – www.centraleastlhin.on.ca – and click on “[Board and Governance - Board Meetings - 2016 Board Meetings - Board Meeting - January 13, 2016](#).”

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