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PEER REVIEW PRESENTED TO CENTRAL EAST LHIN BOARD

PRHC to prepare Hospital Improvement Plan by June 30th

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Dan Carriere, CEO of Southlake Regional Hospital and the Lead Reviewer on the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Peer Review Team, presented the Team's findings to the Board of the Central East LHIN at their open board meeting today in Peterborough.

In December, when the Peer Review was announced, the hospital had forecasted a deficit of $13.9 million by the end of fiscal 2009/10 and a projected deficit of $25 million the following year.

The 98-page report contains more than 60 recommendations related to Finance, Governance, Management, Medical Leadership, Clinical Programs, Support and Efficiency, and Non-Clinical Support. The Peer Review Team has estimated that, if implemented, the recommendations could save the hospital just under $27 million in the short to medium term.

In receiving the report the Central East LHIN Board passed a motion directing that PRHC review and take into consideration the recommendations in the Peer Review Report as it prepares a PRHC board-approved Hospital Improvement Plan.

QUOTES

"We are encouraged by the steps already taken by PRHC to address its financial challenges," said Foster Loucks, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors. "We look forward to considering PRHC's board-approved Hospital Improvement Plan at a future meeting."

"We thank the Peer Review Team for their report and recommendations. This crisis has galvanized the Board, management, employees and medical staff in the need to achieve savings and balanced budget. Our recovery efforts have already begun with robust planning and detailed action plans well underway," said Ken Tremblay, CEO, Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

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"Our recovery plan will include recommendations from the Peer Review as well as many ideas generated from internal and external groups," continued Tremblay. "As per the Board of Directors' direction tabled last month, PRHC is committed to a new steady state for 2012."

"The Peterborough Regional Health Centre has a vital role to play in the delivery of health care services to the residents of Peterborough and the surrounding communities and over the years our government has invested millions of dollars in our local hospital," said Jeff Leal, MPP, Peterborough. "I am confident that the team at the hospital will be able to take these recommendations and develop a plan that will ensure care continues to be provided to patients and their families in a safe, accessible and financially efficient way."

QUICK FACTS

- In conducting the review, the Team assessed the hospital's board and management effectiveness, financial management practices, operational effectiveness, and productivity and utilization efficiencies as they pertain to achievement of a balanced or surplus operating position.
- The PRHC board-approved Hospital Improvement Plan must provide an implementation plan for the hospital to achieve a balanced or surplus budget position by March 31, 2012 and maintain a balanced position for subsequent years.
- Staff, physicians and volunteers have already started developing a plan through the hospital's "Renew Program" and the hospital will be holding public open houses in May to gather community feedback.

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To access a copy of the PRHC Peer Review Report, please click here.

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