



Board Report March 2009

Capital Project

The new building is now 21% complete and is on time and on budget to date. Anticipated opening remains January 2011. Steel framework of the building will be finished by the end of March. Initial base sheeting for the roof is 80% complete on the west section of the building. Mechanical and electrical work in the lower level is progressing well. Interior and exterior finishes have been decided. Hostel construction is expected to recommence soon. (Construction site cam access at www.slmhc.on.ca)

CT Fundraising

Wasaya Group is spearheading fundraising efforts and has pledges and donations totalling in excess of \$1 million of the targeted \$1.85 million.

Responding to Patient Complaints

Standard hospital approaches to patient complaints do not meet some important needs of our patients, their families and communities. A working group of board members, patients, community leaders and elders, and staff, and other stakeholders is being established to work with this issue.

Lexicon Project

There is a lack of common terminology and appropriate words and phrases related to health care for use within SLMHC and throughout the system. We have received financial support from the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund to develop a medical Lexicon book, CD and a DVD. The lexicon will be used by SLMHC interpreters and staff, and will also be broadly circulated to other providers, agencies and communities in Ontario and Manitoba.

Oversight Committee Meeting Held January 29th

The Four Party Agreement working table has now been formally reconstituted as an Oversight Committee. Members include Health Canada, MOHLTC/NW LHIN, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Municipality of Sioux Lookout, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, and SLMHC. Key focuses of the meeting included roles of the MOHLTC and NW LHIN at the table, physician services negotiations, responding to patient-related issues and complaints, and mental health and addiction services initiatives.

Pickle Lake Representation

The Township of Pickle Lake has entered into a dialogue with the Board related to representation of Pickle Lake interests.