



Board Report April 2009

Capital Project

The new building is now 26% complete and is on time and on budget to date. \$26 million has now been invested. Anticipated opening remains January 2011. Steel framework of the building will be finished within a few days. Initial base sheeting for the roof is almost complete on the west section of the building and expected to be started on the inpatient wing next week. Mechanical and electrical work in the lower level is progressing well. Hostel construction has recommenced. Twenty-eight members of the Seniors Activity Center toured the site March 27. (Construction site cam access at www.slmhc.on.ca)

Strategic Planning

A revised mission, vision and value statement has been adopted. It includes the modified “vision” statement of, “We will be a Center of Excellence for Health through Enhanced Services, Partnerships, and Care that is Patient-Centered, Service-Oriented and Performance-Focused.”

Responding to Patient Complaints

Standard hospital approaches to patient complaints do not meet some important needs of our patients, their families and communities. A set of issues management, relationship-building, communications and education strategies are under development with Board support.

Mamo-Na-Ta-Wii-He-Tih-Sowin: Healing Together Declaration

The February 10 – 12 NAN Chiefs’ Forum on Social Issues developed a formal resolution on prescription drug abuse that has been endorsed by the Board. Attention will now focus on initiatives where SLMHC can provide leadership and support.

Community-Acquired MRSA

The rapidly increasing number of cases of CA-MRSA screened through our laboratory (10 in 2005, 27 in 2006, 87 in 2007, and 264 last year) has raised concerns. The Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Prevention, the health unit, and other agencies are establishing a group to determine the extent of the issue and to develop a response.

Research and Publication

Dr. Len Kelly prepared a summary of recent publications by SLMHC staff and medical staff. Twenty-two peer-reviewed articles have been published in the past 2 years. More than a dozen members of medical staff and 7 SLMHC staff members were involved.