

**My Report on the
Community Health Partners Group Meeting
January 10. 2018**

The following is a synopsis of the important points we covered at this meeting. The meeting was very informative and well attended by all local Municipalities as well as representatives from CNL, DND and local physicians.

Physician Recruitment

Despite having made some strides in attracting 2 new Drs to our area we will be facing some serious physician shortfalls over the next 1-5 years as our 5 "original" Drs look to slowing down their practises with an eye towards retirement. As a result we will need to refocus our energies on recruitment.

Dr. McLeod, the new Dr with the Family Health Team, has exhausted all the residents on the waiting list for a family doctor in Deep River, Chalk River and Laurentian Hills....he will be starting on the areas of Petawawa and Head Clara and Maria next.

Hospital Staff

The Hospital has hired a new Manager of Nursing Services/Director of Care.

The Ultrasound Department has been closed since December 6th due to a staffing shortage. New staff have been successfully recruited and the Department should reopen within the next few weeks.

Health Campus Updates

DRDH has been recognised as the top performing facility in Ontario for their excellence in the Ontario Breast Screening Program

The Hospital was successful in obtaining grants to replace their aging Chiller and Generator units

DRDH was also awarded \$165,800 under the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program. this money will be used for 3 projects geared towards making the Hospital more energy efficient.

DRDH will be ending the 2017/2018 fiscal year in with a balanced budget....more to come on this at the next meeting

Emergency Room Changes

There will be changes taking place in the Emergency Department over the coming weeks. Beginning February 6th patients will be triaged by a nurse as they arrive in the Department and then be registered. This is the reverse of what has been the past practise. New colour coded furniture, signs and paint colours will help facilitate this change.

Family Health Team

The FHT team has welcomed a new physician to their staff, Dr McLeod

The Team is continuing to work with the Ministry on a new FHT building and hope to have some news about this in the near future.

There will be a new self registration system implemented soon so patients will be able to register themselves upon themselves upon arrival.

The next meeting is to be held April 11th. If anyone is interested in the full minutes of this or future meetings please let me know and I will be glad to forward them to you.

Councillor McKay