

Corporate Summary

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1. Board provided strategic plan framework progress report

The Board of Directors received a progress report of strategic initiatives as identified in Horizon Health Network's strategic planning framework. The four-year strategic plan framework was developed in consultation with the public, community stakeholders, staff and physicians. The thirty-seven identified strategic initiatives focus on progressive patient-oriented care, research and innovation. Examples of strategic initiatives include collaboration with provincial health stakeholders to implement a provincial trauma system, development and implementation of a strategic framework for Health Science Research and participation with partners in initiatives related to health promotion and wellness. The Board of Directors will receive progress reports on a bi-annual basis. Horizon's strategic plan framework can be found on Horizon's website at www.HorizonNB.ca under the About Us, Strategic Framework menu item.

2. New Brunswick Trauma Program moves forward to develop a comprehensive, sustainable trauma program

The New Brunswick Trauma Program has made great progress to enhance trauma care in New Brunswick through the development of a comprehensive, sustainable trauma program. Clear standardized guidelines and checklists that help guide the care for critically injured patients before being transferred to another centre have been implemented in every emergency department in the province of New Brunswick. Health care professionals working in these emergency departments have received education and have a clear understanding of how they can access trauma care outside of their facility.

The New Brunswick Trauma Program is now in progress to fill trauma system positions in level one, two and three trauma centres throughout New Brunswick to assist in the coordination and delivery of trauma care. This process has begun with the appointment of the trauma coordinator for The Moncton Hospital, which is the designated level two trauma centre in the province. The Moncton Hospital is a major referral centre for trauma cases in New Brunswick, northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The level three trauma centre positions will be filled during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The New Brunswick Trauma Program provides provincial leadership and coordination of injury prevention, clinical care, education and research related to serious and critical injuries in New Brunswick. The Program is a formalized partnership that includes Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network, Ambulance New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Department of Health.

3. Horizon partners with Mount Allison University to research Healthy Leaders for a Healthy Workplace

Horizon Health Network has partnered with Mount Allison University to research how leadership development can contribute to healthy workplaces. Information will be gathered through focus groups and interviews with Horizon management. The findings will be presented to the organization and a model of action will be developed. Funds for this research project were received from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

4. Horizon partners with Miramichi First Nation communities to complete preschool screening program

Horizon's Miramichi Extra Mural Program Early Language Service and audiologists from the Miramichi Regional Hospital partnered with School District 16 and the area's three First Nations communities to complete preschool screening. This is the first year audiologists have participated in the Bear Cub Tracking preschool screening program which has been operational for the past two years in Esgeenoopetitj, Metepenagiag and Eel Ground. The children received a hearing screening test as part of the program. Children who were identified as requiring follow-up were automatically referred to the audiology department of the Miramichi Regional Hospital. The objective of the program is to identify areas that would impact the child's readiness for school and implement action plans to address the areas prior to the child beginning school.

5. Horizon partners with Research on Linguistic Minorities to complete research project

Horizon Health Network has partnered with the Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities (CIRLM) to complete a research project in health care settings. The research study will identify factors of how health care workers that deliver primary, secondary, and tertiary services in a bilingual or Anglophone majority setting support the offer of health services in French. Results of the study will enable Horizon to better understand the provision of services in French, the means employed, the resources available, and future needs. The survey has also been administered to hospitals in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba.

6. Horizon Health Network employees, physicians, volunteers, services and programs honoured

A number of Horizon Health Network's employees, physicians, volunteers, programs and services were recently honoured with Provincial and National awards. Congratulations are extended to the following who have embraced Horizon's vision of leading for a healthy tomorrow:

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists 2010 Residency Award

Lindsay Creamer, a 2010 graduate of Horizon's pharmacy residency program at the Saint John Regional Hospital was the winner of the 2010 Residency Award from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Creamer won the award based on her research of the development, implementation and assessment of a pharmacist initiated, community-based immunization program on routine vaccination rates. Creamer is currently working as an ICU pharmacist at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Top Female Achiever Award

Karen Branscombe, Horizon Board member and School District 2 superintendent, was recently recognized as one of the nation's top female achievers for 2010 by the Women's Executive Network. Branscombe won in the CISCO Public Sector Leaders category. The award recognizes the country's highest-achieving female leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. The award was presented on November 29 at the 2010 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards gala in Toronto. The Women's Executive Network is Canada's most influential female audience and the country's leading organization dedicated to advancement and recognition of executive-minded women in the workplace.

Horizon's Fredericton and Upper River Valley area health care facilities and services receive accreditation from the Canadian Psychological Association

Horizon's Fredericton and Upper River Valley area health care facilities and services that engage psychologists received a four-year accreditation award from the Canadian Psychological Association. This is the first psychologist accreditation internship award for health care facilities and services to be granted within the province of New Brunswick. Since 2004, an internship program has been offered to clinical psychology students in their final year of training in PhD or doctoral level programs at the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation, Doctor Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Fredericton Addictions and Mental Health Services, Upper River Valley Hospital and the Operational Stress Clinic. The award was granted following a site visit by the

Canadian Psychological Association in which the internship program was evaluated against national standards. This successful award demonstrates the internship's dedication to excellence and quality. The program is coordinated by psychologist Dr. Rebecca Mills, Director of Training, Pre-Doctoral Internship at the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation.

NB Heart Centre highlighted in Canadian Healthcare Technology magazine

The New Brunswick Heart Centre (NBHC) was highlighted in October's Canadian Healthcare Technology magazine. The article highlighted the use of rotary pumps to save lives at the New Brunswick Heart Centre. The Impella Percutaneous Circulatory Assist System, a first in Atlantic Canada, was purchased by the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation and allows the Heart Centre to better treat serious cardiac emergencies. The procedure involves a tiny pump being threaded into the heart to drive blood through the body when a person's heart has failed. It can be viewed on the magazine's website at <http://us1.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=bd4905bfd886edfee54abbe89&id=2930cf6eba>

7. Patients waiting for an alternate setting of care update

The number of patients waiting for an alternate setting of care, such as a nursing home, increased by four per cent in the last two months within hospitals across Horizon Health Network. As of January 5, 28 per cent of acute care beds located in regional hospitals were occupied by patients waiting for an alternate setting of care. These patients no longer require acute care services of a hospital but are unable to return home due to their health care requirements. This represents an average of 334 patients in regional hospitals and an average of 47 patients in community hospitals. Horizon is continuing to work collaboratively with the Department of Health, the Department of Social Development and Vitalité Health Network to develop solutions to this issue.

8. Physician recruitment update

During the last two months, nine new physicians joined Horizon Health Network's medical staff. A pathologist joined the medical team in Miramichi and Fredericton welcomed one family doctor and a neonatologist. One family doctor, one oncologist, two emergency medicine specialists, an obstetrician and an internal medicine specialist joined the medical staff in Saint John. Horizon Health Network is actively recruiting for positions in the area of family medicine and medical specialties.



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