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WWLHIN ANNOUNCES CMH OPERATIONAL REVIEW TEAM MEMBERS

GUELPH, ON – The Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN) announced today the members of the Operational Review Team, who have been appointed to assist Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) in developing a plan to ensure it continues to be a strong and sustainable hospital for Cambridge and area residents.

The Team Lead is Vickie Kaminski, Chief Executive Officer, Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH). The core team also includes Sue Matthews, Vice President Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive, Niagara Health System; Paul Temple, Principal of Front End Solutions (Waterloo) and; Ken Tremblay, President and CEO, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Operational Review, the WWLHIN selected Kaminski, Temple and Tremblay as team members. CMH's nominee was Matthews. Additional expertise, including physician involvement, will be brought in as necessary to support the Review Team. The Team will begin working immediately with the senior leaders at CMH.

The Operational Review Team will submit its report to both the WWLHIN and CMH by late Spring 2009. It will be reviewed internally by both organizations prior to its public release.

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“We’ve called for an Operational Review at CMH because we care about this hospital and its future”, said Sandra Hanmer, CEO, WWLHIN. “The WWLHIN needs Cambridge Memorial Hospital to be part of the overall system and, all the residents of this LHIN need this hospital to be strong and continue to provide quality programs and services.”

“Review Teams have provided assistance to many Ontario hospitals,” said Hanmer. “This assistance is provided by peers and offers a fresh set of eyes for the organization.”

“The Operational Review Team members bring a wide breadth of health care knowledge and expertise to assist CMH,” says Hanmer. “The members are known for being innovative and collaborative when seeking solutions to address operational issues.”

“It is through a collaborative approach with the Review Team and the WWLHIN that will ensure Cambridge Memorial Hospital is successful in developing a plan that they can support and implement,” said Kathy Durst, Chair, WWLHIN Board of Directors.

“The review will also identify further opportunities for CMH to collaborate with other health care partners within the WWLHIN,” Hanmer said.

Hanmer added there are no predetermined assumptions for, or outcomes of, the Operational Review for Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

QUICK FACTS

On July 28, 2008, CMH entered into a Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) with the WWLHIN. The H-SAA outlines care delivery targets, and funding allocations for the two year agreement. At the time of signing the H-SAA, CMH agreed to manage an in-year deficit of approximately \$1.5 million. The hospital administrative team is now predicting a \$3.5 million deficit for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, 2009, and a further deficit of up to \$3 million for 2009-2010. The hospital's budget for 2008-2009 is approximately \$103.4 million.

The H-SAA requires hospitals to meet a number of performance obligations including care delivery targets and achievement of balanced budgets for two fiscal years, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. This is the first time hospitals negotiated their service accountability agreements with LHINs, previously this was done with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The H-SAA outlines the hospital's performance targets, budget and commitment to work with the LHIN.

The Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network is responsible for planning, integrating, coordinating and providing funding to 78 health service providers including hospitals, long-term care homes, community support services, community health centres, the Community Care Access Centre and community mental health and addictions agencies in Waterloo Region, Wellington County and South Grey. The WWLHIN operates an annual health care budget of close to \$823 million.

MORE INFORMATION

Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network: www.wwlhin.on.ca

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Attachments: Backgrounder – CMH Operational Review Team Membership
 Terms of Reference for the Operational Review Team

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