

New Faces at CPDMH

By Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO

My first six weeks as Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital's new President and CEO has been a whirlwind as I get to know the great team at CPDMH and learn more about the wonderful care being provided every day. I've also enjoyed hearing from community members. Thank you for the very warm welcome and for your support.

In fact, mine is not the only new face on the hospital's Senior Team. Randy Shaw is our new Vice President, Corporate Support Services. Kimberley Harbord is the new Chief Financial Officer, in place of Darlene Mitchell who is enjoying a well-earned retirement, and Brenda Donnelly has stepped into the Executive Assistant role. Dr. Scott Higham is our new Chief of Staff, replacing Dr. Rob Courchene. And we "new kids on the block" are grateful for the CPDMH knowledge and experience of Vice President, Patient Care & Chief Nursing Executive Rachel de Kemp and Administrative Assistant Luci Jacobsen.

The Senior Management Team takes responsibility for day-to-day operations and planning for the future. We work closely with managers, front-line staff, physicians and volunteers to fulfill our mission to shape a healthy future for local communities.

Along with me, Rachel de Kemp and Randy Shaw are also shared with Almonte General Hospital. We are enjoying our new responsibilities, seeing opportunities for each organization to learn from the other and working toward a routine of on-site presence in each organization. We also recognize that this is a lot of change for the staff, volunteers and physicians in both hospitals. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Our shared team's mandate includes finding ways to create a stronger voice for rural health care. Each hospital remains a separate corporation with its own Board of Directors and Foundation. The Mississippi River Health Alliance, created last April, formalized the commitment of the two organizations to look for collaborative opportunities to work smarter together to improve care for the patients in our communities.

I look forward to meeting more community members in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments about CPDMH, I encourage you to visit our website at www.cdpmh.ca or contact me at 613-253-3825 or mwilsontrider@cdpmh.ca.



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