

AGM Highlights — Moving Forward Together

CPDMMH's 63rd Annual General Meeting was held on June 27th, providing an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look to the future.

"One of a Board's most important functions is to set the strategic direction," noted outgoing Board Chair Terry Cairns. "During the past year, we have worked with Almonte General Hospital to approve a joint strategic plan. It speaks to our collective aspirations to provide excellent care for patients, work with partners to support access to care, empower our care teams. We want to leverage the potential of our Mississippi River Health Alliance for the benefit of the communities we serve."

The exciting news continues to be the planning for the new Emergency Department. CPDMMH is close to completing stage two of a five-stage process. But there is much more going on at CPDMMH. Here are just a few highlights:

- Eight new cardiac monitors and six telemetry units are ensuring safer care. They allow for ongoing bedside and central monitoring. Thank you to the CPDMMH Foundation and their generous donors for their overwhelming support.
- The Telemedicine program has a new clinical system which provides better images when connecting patients to specialists in another facility.

- Major building improvements include a new boiler, fire detection system, phone system (including a nurse call system) and windows. Exterior lighting has also been updated. Thank you to the Ministry of Health for this additional funding.
- Happy 65th Anniversary to the CPDMMH Auxiliary and thank you for all that you do – every day. There are 102 volunteers at CPDMMH and they donated more than 10,400 hours of service this past year. They also donated thousands of dollars to purchase much-needed equipment.

For 2018/2019, Rob Clayton will serve as Board Chair and Carol-Anne Esnard becomes Vice-Chair. Three new Board members were also confirmed at the meeting. Watch for more details about the new Board in a future column.

"Thank you to the community volunteers who sit on our Board of Directors," summed up Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO. "And thank you to our Patient and Family Advisory Committee for your valuable input. Together with our committed staff, physicians and volunteers, we are helping to ensure the best and safest care for our local communities."



A highlight of the AGM was a special presentation to Marcel Pinon upon completion of his nine-year term, including two years as Board Chair. Marcel was praised for his commitment to "always doing the right thing" for patients and CPDMMH.

"This is a community here," noted Marcel (pictured 2nd from right). "It has been a great challenge and I'm leaving here with a huge smile knowing what we've accomplished together."