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QUINTE HEALTH CARE AND SE LHIN WORKING TOGETHER FOR SOLUTION

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Earlier today, representatives from Quinte Health Care, the South East Local Health Integration Network and area Members of Provincial Parliament had a positive dialogue with Minister of Health and Long-Term Care David Caplan about moving forward to find solutions for the financial situation currently being faced by the hospital corporation.

All parties agreed to a third-party review process wherein go-forward options for QHC will be examined before being presented to the hospital Board and public. Further, a QHC Board session that was earlier scheduled to take place on Monday, Nov. 17 is being cancelled. The process to identify a reviewer will begin immediately.

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“When this review process is complete we will share the restructuring options with the Board and our communities and solicit other options and ideas from them,” said Jack Moore, Chair, QHC Board of Directors. “The QHC Board and management team understands the status quo is not sustainable and that significant change must be made to the entire health care system. We have signed an accountability agreement with the LHIN and we have an obligation to balance our books. We are prepared to work with the LHIN and the government on restructuring options to ensure we are providing the best health care to all our communities, given our available financial resources.”

“We recognize there are economic challenges for our communities, and the situation being experienced by QHC is not unique. But in these challenges we need to find innovative solutions – and we will best do that by working together,” noted Georgina Thompson, Chair, South East LHIN.

QUICK FACTS

- Quinte Health Care is currently developing strategies to ensure the organization is in a balanced budget position by March 31, 2010.
- QHC is a 320-bed hospital with sites in Bancroft, Belleville, Picton and Quinte West. It employs over 1,600 staff and more than 280 doctors have privileges.
- The South East LHIN is responsible for planning and funding health care services for the 500,000 residents of the South East.

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