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Timmins and District Hospital Implementation of Planned Budget Reductions

Timmins, ON, November 18, 2011: Many Ontario hospitals have been struggling with financial issues over the past few years. Both the Ministry of Health and Local Health Integration Networks have indicated the need for hospitals to their budgets.

“The TADH Board and Administration have implemented a plan to accomplish this”, said Allan Kean, Board Chair, Timmins and District Hospital. “Following discussions with the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) earlier this month, a September 30, 2012 deadline was set for the budget to be balanced. This has become the date we have targeted to eliminate our deficit.”

The plan is based on a number of changes including some reductions in staffing. The guidelines that have been followed in reaching decisions include:

- Minimize the impact on program and services
- Maintain quality standards
- Reduce the direct impact on staff/medical staff where possible
- Ensure equitable treatment across the organization

More than 60 revenue generating and cost reduction initiatives are being launched to save \$5 million by the deadline. Our budget base is approximately \$90 million. More detailed information regarding key initiatives will be shared later as they are finalized. They include numerous ideas gleaned from suggestions made by staff.

A total of 38 positions (33.4 FTE's) are being eliminated. Direct communication with union representatives and staff regarding positions being eliminated began November 16.

“We anticipate that up to 10 positions will be eliminated by attrition and reduced hours, and as many as 20 early retirements and voluntary exits. The number of layoffs will depend on how many people accept the other options,” said Roger Walker, President & CEO, Timmins and District Hospital. “We do expect that the actual number of lay-offs will be relatively small by following this process.”

Monthly evaluations of progress in reaching the targeted outcomes will determine if any additional adjustments will be required.

“Balancing the hospital's \$90 million budget is a long standing challenge. 2011 is the fourth consecutive deficit year for the hospital,” said Martin Rody, Treasurer, TADH

Board: "Once the budget is balanced, we will need to turn the efforts towards achieving financial sustainability into the future."

Roger Walker added, "Our ability to provide necessary services and quality of care has been seriously compromised by recurring deficits. Bringing financial stability to the hospital will address these concerns and will allow TADH to better meet the needs of the people throughout the district and the city of Timmins. "

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