

Two Hospitals. One Goal.

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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) and Almonte General Hospital (AGH) have a history of collaboration. The two hospitals are forming stronger ties with a single goal: better care.

To support ongoing collaboration, the Mississippi River Health Alliance has been created. The Alliance is a joint committee that provides a means for both Boards to work together to identify opportunities for better care. It will make recommendations to the two hospital boards.

As part of this new partnership, the two hospitals will share a President and Chief Executive Officer. Mary Wilson Trider will assume the role in September 2016, at the time of Toni Surko's retirement as CPDMH's Chief Executive Officer.

The hospitals have been working closely with the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to develop this plan. The plan will be presented to the Champlain LHIN Board at their April 27th meeting.

CPDMH and AGH already collaborate on many fronts. They have successfully attracted funding for a new program that supports vulnerable seniors in our region. A joint pharmacy system is improving the safety of medication delivery and the hospitals share pharmacy staff. The hospitals also have one Director of Human Resources. And, the two hospitals are combining their buying power to purchase new digital x-ray equipment for both hospitals.

It's the right thing to do for our patients and their families. We are creating a stronger voice and vision for local health care.

Connected Care

"The two hospitals are very aligned given our close proximity and shared patient population. We have a real opportunity to be a leader in the region with this model."

This is not a merger. Each hospital remains a separate corporation with its own Board providing strategic direction and oversight for its local hospital. It's business as usual for the staff, physicians, Auxiliary, volunteers and Foundation. Patients will continue to receive the same services at their local hospitals, with the same level of care."

**PAUL VIRGIN
BOARD CHAIR, AGH**

"We want to improve each patient's overall health care experience through a strong, coordinated system of care. This planning fits well with the Ministry of Health and Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) transformation agendas."

Our discussions identified a unique opportunity with regard to the CEO. Our Board looked at many options and consulted other hospitals that have already implemented this model. This shared model makes sense, particularly in an environment where recruitment and retention of senior leaders in rural areas can be a challenge."

**MARCEL PINON
BOARD CHAIR, CPDMH**

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