

Capital Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 6, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM EST

Attendees: Debbie Graystone, Dominic Noel, Charline Smith, Doug Abbott, Terry Scott

Absentees: Lil Silvano

Items discussed as follows:

1. Brief review of current status of capital expansion project. Michelle, Ministry Rep. advised no update expected until end of February.
2. Main barrier for progress at this time is the approval from the Ministry of Health branch.
3. Mid to end of February will be at 2800 patient roster and expecting to be at target (3200 patients) by January 2024.
4. Once target is reached able to request additional staff, specifically an NP and with an NP comes an additional Admin and allied health support.
5. Discussed the challenges and the rationale for the rate at which we increase our patient roster. It comes down to a balance between increasing to target and stabilizing patients, so they don't overwhelm the providers schedule and decrease patient access to appointments.
6. Some discussion on the status of the Women Health Clinic project. Weekly GYNE clinics were denied funding and OHT members have also not agreed to provide funding support.
7. The Women's Health Clinic proposal was agreed to be held due to the similar efforts being made by SAH and the OHT. A presentation will be made with Dr. Webb in Spring to the OHT leadership council regarding this project. Main feedback from OBGYN/GYNE residents is that they aren't interested in coming to Algoma to work independently. The residents want a multidisciplinary team-based approach so that is what the project is focusing on.
8. Dominic continues to research and pursue funding opportunities from pharmaceutical companies for the GYNE weekly clinics.

Next meeting: March 10, 2023 at 9:00am.