

# *Planning & Priorities Committee Report*

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The Planning & Priorities Committee met three times during the last fiscal year. A number of new initiatives were undertaken, in part, to fulfil recommendations by the accreditation survey.

1. Communications Plan (External and Internal)

The objective is a better understanding in the community of the hospital workings, and a greater involvement of the staff through information exchange.

2. Leadership Development for Board and Staff

A more in-depth orientation is recommended for new Board members. For staff, a greater encouragement to make use of available training; communication with unions; and interaction with other hospitals, with the objective of more active leadership.

3. Enhanced Patient Access and Planning

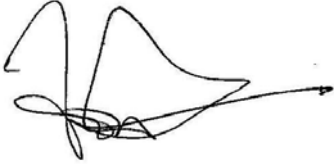
The main input discussed to date consisted of the performance of some services off the hospital site.

4. Sustainability Planning

Shortfalls in funding are a way of life in hospital financing. These shortfalls are solved with one-time "bailouts", which keep the financial health in limbo. Discussions are ongoing to develop a new funding model.

The above initiatives are an ongoing process which aims to improve hospital operation and services.

Respectfully submitted,

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F.D. Forgeron,  
Chair