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Bed reductions

The Provincial Health Plan introduced in the Legislature last spring directed that the number of hospital beds in New Brunswick be reduced. Financial savings realized from these bed closures are to fund improvements to the provincial health care delivery system in this province. The deadline for realizing these bed reductions is March 31. Charlotte County Hospital will reduce by 15 beds. A workforce adjustment committee was formed to examine the impact on staff and those meetings are ongoing. Yvonne Bartlett, Facility Administrator, noted "We are making every effort to ensure that we meet our target with the least impact on our patients and our staff."

Charlotte County Hospital recycles

Toby Dykeman, Supervisor Environmental Services at Charlotte County Hospital, reports that Charlotte County Hospital implemented a recycling program in January. "We are now recycling paper, plastics, cardboard and other items," he explained. Blue bins have been obtained and distributed throughout the hospital and staff members have participated in an education program. "People are really enthusiastic about the program and everyone is eager to do their part to reduce, reuse, and recycle for the benefit of our facility, our town, and our Province," agreed EVS Supervisor Irene Dowling.



Hypertension Clinic

The Charlotte County Hospital has initiated a self-referral clinic to offer support, nursing supervision, and education to people in the community with high blood pressure. Coordinated by Toni Fawkes, Clinical Patient Educator, the clinic is available to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and have been diagnosed with high blood pressure or hypertension. Initial consultation will take place with Fawkes, who stresses the importance of diet, exercise, and the proper use of medication. "We are pleased to be able to offer this new service to residents in our community, who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure," Fawkes explained. Clinics are held on Thursdays and appointments may be made by calling 465-4411.

CCH holds Winter Education Fair



Charlotte County Hospital held an education fair in January organized by Clinical Patient Educator, Toni Fawkes. "These kinds of events provide opportunities for our staff to remain up-to-date on the latest technologies. It has the effect of improving morale, both in our facility and in the community as a whole, as a more positive attitude among our staff is picked up by our patients," Fawkes explained. Seventeen nursing staff participated in nine demonstration stations. Door prizes, which were donated by local merchants from St. Stephen including Subway, Tim Horton's, Ganong's, Shopper's and Sea of Tranquility, were drawn every hour. The grand door prize, "a day at the spa" was won by Judy Cleghorn, LPN pictured here.

Donation from Dorbar

The Charlotte County Hospital was pleased to receive, again this year, a \$500. donation from Dorbar Insurance Agency Inc., Etobicoke, Ontario in appreciation for health care services that are provided by the hospital to its client, Flakeboard Company Limited. The money was used to purchase a small, first class wheelchair for use in child occupational therapy assessment.

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