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Allied Health finally recognized by Consultant

We have seen a flood of recent announcements being made by Shared Health, the WRHA, and the Manitoba Government, and yet another one came this week. Dr. David Peachey's review of Phase Two of the WRHA plan was publicly released on June 10.

Please take some time to read the entire report here: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/phase-two-report.pdf>.

I found that this report echoes what our members have been saying for months. The review speaks directly to the key roles you have in the functioning of Manitoba health care. Peachey speaks of Respiratory Therapy shortages at Concordia being a significant problem. He notes inadequate staffing in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy in sub-acute care.

He goes on to indicate that reduced Diagnostic Imaging support will impact surgical services. Regrettably, there is virtually no mention of laboratory services other than a passing mention that Dynacare had not agreed to operate at the now scrapped walk-in centre at Concordia Hospital.

The overarching message that I take from this report is that there is finally some recognition of the woeful lack of planning and zero front-line consultation from those managing this process. The second message I take is that there is "seriously low staff morale across the hospital."



MAHCP President Bob Moroz in a media interview at the Save the Seven Oaks ER rally on May 29, 2019.
Photo by Tim Smith

The WRHA response to that is to remind us that EAP is available and we will eventually emerge from the "valley of despair." They should be embarrassed and finally acknowledge that it is the way they have rolled this out, the way our members are being treated in our facilities, and the lack of compassion that is harming our members.

Please take a moment to read the report and know that we have been advocating for these issues to be addressed since day one. And we will continue to do so.

In Solidarity,
Bob Moroz
MAHCP President