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Subject: Family Planning Clinics

Thank you all for taking time to come to Sussex on Monday. As was clear after the discussion, we need to balance access with cost, being accountable to both patients and taxpayers.

I have come to the conclusion that, in this case of uncertain sustainable volumes, we can best reconcile all interests by making a decision on a single site. That site will be The Moncton Hospital. There are several reasons for this decision including the following:

1. TMH has the most firmly committed clinical team of, at a minimum, four physicians (two FP: two OBG)
2. TMH can be operational in interim fashion in April; in permanent fashion in available space by summer
3. Capital cost for each site could be in excess of \$800,000 (Fredericton perhaps more to provide required privacy/security). We cannot afford that capital cost. Operational costs in one site will be only slightly affected by placing all three projected volumes together. Savings will be a minimum of \$500,000 annually vs. 3 site option.
4. TMH has best potential to address request from PEI for service
5. TMH affords an opportunity for joint support in collaboration for Dumont service - already in operation.
6. The SJRH site will affect detrimentally our potential plan to use the former ER to address a possible ICU redevelopment that is just now under discussion.

There are a few other reasons that lead to this decision but those are the key ones. I hope you can appreciate the challenge in making this decision and can be supportive.

I thank you all for your efforts in this important initiative and look forward to your continued support.

John