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## Central East Local Health Integration Network Chair's Report February 22, 2017

Below is a summary of activities that the Board has been involved in during the month of February:

### **Pan-LHIN Governance Activities**

Meetings continue on the negotiation of the Ministry-LHIN Memorandum of Understanding and the Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreements, myself along with our CEO have been participating in discussions to date. This group held meetings/teleconferences in January and February and the work of this group is intended to be concluded in March to facilitate Board approvals of the Accountability documents.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>, the LHIN Chairs held their regular bi-weekly teleconferences, the topic of discussion remains to be LHIN Renewal on each agenda. The Chair Council met again on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Risk participated in the meeting on my behalf and will provide a report to the Board on the business discussed. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the LHIN Leadership Council met in the morning and the LHIN Chair Council met in the afternoon. Once again, the prominent topic for discussion was the integration underway with the CCAC. Ms. Risk attended these meetings and can provide a report on the business discussed.

### **Board-to-Board Engagement**

The Central East LHIN Joint Board Transition Committee continues to hold monthly meetings before each LHIN Board meeting to receive updates on transition activities between the Central East LHIN and Central East Community Care Access Centre (CECCAC). Membership includes representation from both organizations, including myself and Len Lifchus, Chair of the CECCAC, serving as co-chairs for this Committee, along with Marg Risk and Gary Lounsbury (Vice Chair at the Central East Community Care Access Centre) and Deborah Hammons and Kathryn Ramsay, CEO at the CECCAC. The Committee will be meeting prior to the upcoming Board meeting, an update on LHIN Renewal will be provided by the CEOs.

An invitation to attend CECCAC Board meetings has been extended by Mr. Lifchus to the Central East LHIN Board members to support transition work that will be carrying forward in the coming months. Members of the Board have also been invited to attend the regular committee meetings of the CECCAC and those interested are to advise staff of their attendance. The CECCAC Board will be providing debriefs and summary discussions following each meeting with LHIN Board members in attendance. In the month

of February, Ms. Ashman and Ms. St. George attended a meeting of the Performance, Quality and Effectiveness Committee on February 1<sup>st</sup> and on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Hough, Mr. Gopikrishna, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Risk and Ms. Ashman attended the Board meeting at the CECCAC. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Hough and Ms. St. George attended the CECCAC's Finance Committee meeting.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the CEO and I will be meeting with the Board Chair and CEO at Ross Memorial Hospital, followed by a meeting with MPP Laurie Scott in Lindsay.

### Board Member Attendance at Events and Meetings

Marg Risk attended a funding announcement with MPP Laurie Scott covering Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, Amorell Saunders N'Daw attended a Strategy Session with the Board and Senior Management Team of Northumberland Hills Hospital. Staff from the Central East LHIN were also in attendance.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Risk was in attendance at a Governance Centre for Excellence session that was organized by the Peterborough Regional Health Centre and held locally in Peterborough. It was an excellent opportunity to network with our hospital governors and there was representation from other hospitals along with members of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Board. The session was titled, "Effectiveness Governance for Quality and Patient Safety."

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the CEO, on my behalf, held a regular check in meeting with Ms. Vivian Ng of Minister Hoskins' office. These calls provide an opportunity to brief Ms. Ng on any pressing issues or positive information to share on behalf of the Central East LHIN.

### Board Recruitment

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Debbie Doherty was appointed to the Central East LHIN Board on February 2, 2017 for a term of up to three (3) years by Order in Council. Ms. Doherty, of Port Hope, is a registered nurse and has held several senior executive positions within the retirement home and long-term care sectors (both for profit and not-for-profit), most recently as an Executive Vice President Operations with Sienna Senior Living (formerly Leisureworld Senior Care Corporation) from 2013 to 2015 and as Chief Operating Officer for Specialty Care Inc. from 2003 to 2013. Recognized for her expertise in Retirement Homes Act compliance and operational issues impacting occupancy and client satisfaction, Debbie was instrumental in the development of the Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA) standards and program while serving as the Chair of the ORCA Standards Committee (1997 -2000) before serving as President of ORCA from 2000 to 2003. Debbie has also volunteered as a surveyor for retirement homes seeking ORCA accreditation and was an active participant during the development of the government's

retirement home regulation consultations. Debbie was also the former Chair of the RHRA (Retirement Home Regulatory Authority) Stakeholder Advisory Council, having served in the role from December, 2012 to December, 2017. Debbie is passionate about health system issues that impact seniors and identifies strongly with the strategic goals that the CE LHIN has set for the next three years.

There have been discussions with the Ministry and the Minister's office on the candidates who were recommended for appointment in December of 2016, both Ms. Risk and myself have been informed that these applications continue to move along in the review process. There is a provincial effort to ensure that all LHIN Boards have at least ten (10) members in place by Transition Day. With Ms. Doherty's appointment, the Central East LHIN Board is currently at a total of nine (9) members, with three candidates pending appointment.

Our most recent posting for Board recruitment closed earlier this month, the Ministry will be creating a short-list of applications to be interviewed by the Nominations Committee. This posting was intended to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board that will commence in May with the end of term approaching for Ms. Hough and Ms. Risk. We are also awaiting the response on a recommendation of the appointment of a second Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

**Original Signed By**

Louis O'Brien

Chair

Board of Directors

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