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CENTRAL EAST LHIN TO HOLD FIRST OPEN BOARD MEETING

Important next step for public involvement in health care system

The Board of Directors of the Central East LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) will hold their first open board meeting on Friday, December 8, 2006, 8:30am – 1pm at the Whitby Mental Health Centre, Conference Room D&E, 700 Gordon Street, Whitby, ON, (401 and Brock Street). The general public and health care providers are invited to attend.

Board meetings are held on a monthly basis so that information can be reviewed and discussed by the Board to assist the decision making process as they support the work of the staff of the Central East LHIN. Items on the agenda typically include reports from the Chair and CEO along with specific presentations on current activities. On December 8th the agenda will include presentations on Understanding Wait Times in the LHIN and an update on the 2006 Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP).

“People from across the health care system – including doctors and nurses – and community residents have been working with us since the spring to create a stronger public health care system,” says Foster Loucks, Chair of the CE LHIN Board of Directors. “By inviting them to attend these meetings we hope to show how the work is continuing and will ultimately result in the right care being delivered in the right place at the right time.”

The Central East LHIN covers an area that includes Scarborough, Durham Region, Northumberland/Havelock, Peterborough City and County, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Highlands. Board meetings may be held in a different location each month so that local residents and health care providers can attend.

Over 100 community volunteers are part of nine local advisory teams or collaboratives that advise the LHIN on health care issues in their communities. Three networks – focussed on Mental Health and Addictions; Seamless Care for Seniors, and; Chronic Disease Prevention and Management – are also being established to work with the LHIN. Information on collaboratives, networks and ongoing opportunities for continued public involvement is posted on the Central East LHIN website.

Meeting notices, agenda and supporting documents will be posted on the Central East LHIN website at www.centraleasthlin.on.ca 5 business days prior to the meeting. For more information, people can contact Karen O'Brien-Monaghan at 1-866-804-5446 ext. 212 or Karen.obrienmonaghan@lhins.on.ca.

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