



New Chair of Central East LHIN Ontario Government appoints Wayne Gladstone

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Wayne Gladstone has been appointed as the new Chair of the Board of Directors of the Central East Local Health Integration Network, effective June 2, 2011.

Mr. Gladstone, a Chartered Accountant, who has served on the Central East LHIN Board since June 2010, was Senior Vice-President of Finance and Administration at OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System) for 15 years where his responsibilities included corporate strategic planning, financial controls and reporting, risk management framework and financial and technology support.

A member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and a past board member at Lakeridge Health, Mr. Gladstone also serves on the Board of CESO, a volunteer organization working to strengthen social and economic well being in Canada and abroad.

Mr. Gladstone's appointment comes just as founding chair, Foster Loucks, comes to the end of his second three-year term as Board Chair, the maximum that can be served by a LHIN Chair.

Mr. Loucks was the first Central East LHIN Board Chair serving from 2005 to 2011 and led the Board as it worked with health service providers to improve and enhance the public health care system.

This has included engaging thousands of community residents and health service providers on the development of the LHIN's two Integrated Health Service Plans; approving improvements in cancer care, cardiac care and mental health services as recommended in the Central East LHIN's Clinical Services Plan; and, signing annual service accountability agreements with health care organizations from across the LHIN that has seen them maintain access to local services while balancing their budgets and reducing historical deficits.

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The Central East LHIN, with a total population of approximately 1.4 million people, is one of 14 LHINs across Ontario mandated to plan, integrate, and fund local health services including hospitals, community care access centres, community health centres, long-term care homes, mental health and addiction programs and community support services agencies.

The Central East LHIN and its Board of Directors are responsible for over \$1.9 billion of health care services delivered in Scarborough, Durham Region and the North East clusters (Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton/Minden).

QUOTES

“Mr. Gladstone has already demonstrated his ability to work with Central East LHIN partners and his business and governance experience will continue to be beneficial for the patients and health care providers in the Central East LHIN. Local health care decisions are better made closer to home by community leaders such as Mr. Gladstone.”

– Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“It was a privilege to serve the community as the founding chair of the Central East LHIN. I am proud that I was able to be part of establishing an agency that is identifying the health needs of our local communities and ensuring that an integrated system is meeting those needs. I am very proud of what was achieved by our LHIN while I was Board Chair and I wish Wayne all the best as he continues this work.”

– Foster Loucks, outgoing Central East LHIN Board Chair

“I strongly believe in the purpose and role of LHINs in being local, and addressing local health needs. I congratulate Foster, my fellow Central East LHIN board members, and staff for what they accomplished through their start up in 2005 and the years since. As the incoming Board Chair, I look forward to continuing to provide my leadership and commitment to the LHIN.”

– Wayne Gladstone, incoming Central East LHIN Board Chair

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QUICK FACTS

During Mr. Loucks' time as Board Chair, the LHIN has worked with local health service providers to improve and enhance the public health care system. This has included:

- a **56%** reduction in wait times for CT scans since April 2007
- a **47%** reduction in wait times for Knee Surgery since April 2007
- the opening of **62** new Transitional Care, Interim Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Beds that has improved access to care
- the introduction of a number of new programs to decrease the amount of time people spend waiting in hospital emergency departments including the NPSTAT team which has resulted in **over 1900** Emergency Department visits being diverted by Nurse Practitioner Long-Term Care Outreach Teams caring for patients in local long term care homes

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