

## Central East Local Health Integration Network

### Chair's Report

March 27, 2013

The end of March is a milestone in many regards for the Central East LHIN, the 2010-2013 Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) wraps up and we will launch into the new 2013-2016 IHSP effective April 1, 2013. Preparations have been ongoing for the year-end audit which will be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee in May. There are also a number of significant projects before the Central East LHIN Board for decision including the Community Health Services Integration Plan for Durham, the Integrated Orthopaedic Capacity Plan and our Service Accountability Agreements to name a few. Hats off to the staff and Boards of our Health Service Providers for their collaborative efforts in advancing the system planning to improve health care services for the residents of the Central East LHIN. Below is a summary of activities that the Board of Directors of the Central East LHIN has been involved with during the past month:

#### **Government Relations Engagement**

Minister Matthews hosted a webinar on March 6 to review the background and objectives of the province's Health Link initiative. LHIN Board members from across Ontario tuned in and raised questions for Minister Matthews and Associate Deputy Minister Helen Angus. The session was useful in terms of setting the agenda for future Health Links and understanding the roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the LHINs, providers and patients under this model.

A meeting was held with the Durham MPPs on March 12 at MPP Christine Elliot's office. Those in attendance received an update on the 2010-2013 Strategic Directions and achievements under the Integrated Health Service Plan. We discussed initiatives leading to improvements of care for Durham residents and introduced the 2013-2016 Integrated Health Service Plan. An overview was provided on the Health System Funding Reform and the impact of funding changes to the system as well as the current Integration Strategy that is taking place in Durham. The information was well received and we look forward to continued engagement with our local political leaders.

#### **LHIN Chair Meetings**

LHIN Board Chairs received an update on the progress of the various active working groups during the regular bi-weekly teleconference on March 12. The discussion also featured a debrief of the Health Links webinar hosted by the Minister on March 6.

#### **Governance Engagement**

Members of the Board of Ina Grafton Gage Long-Term Care Home attended a meeting on February 25 to discuss accountabilities under the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement and governance oversight of the organization.

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On March 18, the Board Chair from Ina Grafton Gage Long-Term Care Home participated in a subsequent meeting and provided a report-back to the LHIN and the Ministry on current activities. A series of meetings have been set up with the Board Chair and staff involving the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on a monthly basis, with the next meeting scheduled on April 15.

Representatives from the Central East Regional Specialized Geriatric Entity, including the Governance Authority Chair and Executive Director attended a meeting on March 19 to discuss accountabilities with the Central East LHIN.

### **Director Vacancies**

The recruitment process continues as the Community Nominations and Governance Committee is seeking to fill two (2) vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Following an extensive appointments process which commenced in May 2012, the Public Appointments Secretariat communicated in February 2013 that the process would begin again as the recommended candidates were no longer being considered. At present, an advertisement is being reviewed by the Public Appointments Secretariat prior to being published for the two vacancies. The details on applying will be shared with all stakeholders once available and will be posted on the Central East LHIN website.

### **Miscellaneous**

A special thanks to the delegates and presenters appearing before the Board on March 27. Our Board, as well, appreciates the people from our communities who seek understanding in the health care system transformations that are currently underway to create a sustainable and coordinated system that benefits residents of the Central East LHIN.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board of Directors  
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