

**Central East Local Health Integration Network
Chair's Report
May 23, 2012**

Community Engagement:

On May 16th, I was invited to attend the 4th Annual Continuing Medical Education event for Primary Care Providers within the Central East LHIN, along with staff from the LHIN. In addressing the group, I emphasized our Board's commitment to building a strong partnership with Primary Care to ensure better access to care for every individual and that we were looking forward to additionally engaging with Primary Care providers in our planning. The event was well attended by physicians who benefited from many interesting and useful discussion sessions. Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Jyu and his team for hosting a successful event.

Chair Meeting updates:

The Board Chairs have commenced regular teleconference meetings on a biweekly schedule to discuss any emerging issues and to report on the status of the numerous working groups. The group met on May 8th and received an update from each working group on their deliverables.

The Audit Sub-Committee will be meeting again on May 25th to review the Draft Audited Financial Statements of the LHIN Collaborative (LHINC) office and the LHINs Shared Services office (LSSO). In addition, the sub-committee will also finalize on making a recommendation for approval to the LHIN Boards on the appointment of the Auditors for all 14 LHINs. This will be tabled for decision at a future Board meeting.

Meetings with Health Service Providers:

Based on the feedback from our Governance Advisory Council co-chairs and members of the Board, the joint meeting has been replaced with three separate cluster meetings. The Scarborough cluster will meet at TAIBU Community Health Centre on May 29th, the Northeast cluster will come together on May 30th at CMHA-Peterborough and the Durham cluster will meet at Lakeridge Health on June 12th. The agendas will support continued discussions from the last round of meetings in late March/early April. We have also made active efforts to expand the organizations represented at each cluster through direct emails to our health service providers. As the councils become focused on discussions that are cluster-specific, having a greater number of governors present at the table will add value in their advisory role to the LHIN which will establish networking opportunities between health service provider governors and strengthen the governance-governance relationships with the LHIN.

Follow up meetings have continued with the Board representatives from the Durham Cluster Community Health Services Integration Strategy. Staff and I met with Mr. Tom Wise, Board Chair of the Oshawa Community Health Centre on May 7th and with Mr. Jeffrey Brown, Board Chair of Community Care Durham on May 11th. Milestone meetings will be scheduled with the Board representatives and Management Leads from each organization for June, August and October for regular status updates on the planning and progress of the project.

Committee updates:

At the Audit Committee on May 15, the Audited Financial statements for 2011-12 were presented by Deloitte, with no items of concern being cited. The Audit and Finance Committee will be recommending endorsement and signature of the Audit reports by the Board following their review. The committee also reviewed the amendments being proposed to the Board member Per Diem and Expense policy, as revised by the pan-LHIN Board Chair's working group. The purpose of the amendments to the existing policy is to standardize a LHIN-wide policy across the province. A policy regarding perquisites was also tabled for the Committee's review and recommendation to the Board, these items will be discussed under the Committee Chair's report at the Board meeting.

I am pleased to report that the Community Nominations and Governance committee met on April 25th to review the current vacancies on the Board. The Public Appointments Secretariat has advised that the Central East LHIN can make efforts to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board. We anticipate that the advertisement will be posted within the next month. The Committee Chair will report further on the Committee's business at the Board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Thank you to Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences for hosting the Board meeting this month, the Strategic Plan along with the impressive Quality Improvement initiatives that are underway are commendable. Mental Health and Addiction services have been outlined as a provincial priority through the Minister's Action Plan and the Central East LHIN has equally aligned the local system planning priorities. These initiatives, specific to the Central East LHIN will be modeled as we move forward over the next few months building our 2013-2016 Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP).

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Gladstone
Chair