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**Central East Local Health Integration Network
Chair's Report
October 26, 2011**

Board Retreat

A follow-up teleconference has been scheduled for October 27th with KPMG to discuss the report generated from the Retreat. Overall, the feedback has been positive; members of the Board are commended for their level of engagement during the session. Next steps will be focused on finalizing the approved terms of reference for the Audit and Finance committee as well as the Governance and Community Nominations committee. A strong foundation for the Board's work plan was established at the Retreat as well as the Board's goals. The notes and any follow up reports will be circulated to the Board following the teleconference with KPMG.

Thank you again for making the Retreat successful and I look forward to working with you to achieve the level of governance excellence that we discussed.

Meetings with Hospitals

On August 25, the CEO and I attended a meeting with the Board Chair and CEO of Lakeridge Health to discuss their performance improvement plan. As a result of that meeting, the Board Chair and CEO of Lakeridge Health will be presenting their Strategic and Quality Improvement Plan to the LHIN Board at today's meeting.

On October 13, the CEO and I met with the Board Chair and CEO of Northumberland Hills hospital as a followup to the LHIN Board meeting in August. In addition, the CEO and I also met with the Board Chair and CEO of Campbellford Memorial Hospital on October 18th to discuss their transition plans while the hospital recruits a new CEO.

Governance Advisory Councils

We had another round of Governance Advisory Council (GAC) meetings on October 11th (Durham cluster), October 12th (Scarborough cluster) and October 13th (Northeast cluster). Please allow me to congratulate and thank everyone for making these meetings such a success. The objective for this round of meetings was to use the topics generated from the joint meeting earlier this year as a starting point for the highly-successful roundtable discussions. The creation of the new Regional Specialized Geriatrics Services entity was incredibly relevant as a discussion topic to the health service providers represented at the GAC tables and some members have already reported back to their Boards. To remain successful and strong, we will need to be mindful of how we keep our existing members engaged while also attracting new members. After this round of meetings, I am confident that this Board-to-Board engagement strategy is not only valuable to the LHIN but has certainly presented a

unique opportunity for the Health Service Providers to engage with one another at the governance level. Planning for the 2012 meetings will begin in the coming weeks and your feedback is welcome.

Joint Chairs' meeting

Each month the LHIN Chairs meet to discuss system and other common issues. I will forward minutes from these meetings by e-mail and, should you have questions about any of the topics, please give me a call. Our latest meeting was on October 20th, where the agenda covered an amendment to the By-Laws regarding Board Education as well as report backs from our Chair working groups, such as the Per Diem working group (of which I am a part of). This past month we also met jointly with the CEOs as we do on a quarterly basis. I will comment further on the discussions and outcomes at the Board meeting.

Government Relations

Over the next few weeks, the CEO and I will be meeting with newly elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) from across our LHIN to provide them with information on the role of the LHIN in managing the local health care system. Through our website, by sharing news releases and through the work of staff, we will continue to keep all our local elected officials updated on our strategic goals and initiatives.

Miscellaneous

Just a reminder to promptly submit your expense and per diem claims following the Board meeting for this month. The Audit Committee reviewed the quarterly information at the last meeting, which will be reported on at the Board meeting by our Audit Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Gladstone
Chair