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**Central East Local Health Integration Network
Chair's Report
April 25, 2012**

Community Engagement:

Our MPP breakfast that was scheduled for April 18 was a huge success! We had an excellent turn out and our local Members of Provincial Parliament were very interested in the work that the LHIN has been up to. Not only was this a great opportunity to keep our MPPs informed about our key initiative projects such as the Regional Specialized Geriatrics Services model, the Behavioural Supports Ontario project, the Community Health Services Integration plan and the new funding reform model, but we also got to listen in on some key issues that have been brought forward by the constituents in their local ridings. We will follow up with the MPPs who were unable to attend and schedule subsequent meetings with members who expressed interest in having additional discussion time. Thank you to Karen O'Brien and the LHIN staff for coordinating this event.

On April 14, the Scarborough area MPPs held their 26th Annual Renaissance Conference that I was pleased to attend, along with our CEO, who was invited as a panel speaker at the health issues discussion table. The event was open to members of the public to meet with their local MPPs and communicate on topics of public concern. A particular focus at this year's event was on sustaining resources in a time of recession and ways in which the healthcare system can be improved to embrace the challenges of our generation.

Earlier this month, I attended the official opening event of the Medical Short Stay Unit (MSSU) at Rouge Valley Ajax Pickering, which took place on April 3rd. The Medical Short Stay Unit will target patients who are admitted through the Emergency Department and have an anticipated length of stay of less than 72 hours - definitely a step in the right direction to save 1,000,000 hours of time spent in the Emergency Department.

Chair Meeting updates:

The Board Per Diem working group met on March 29 to review a draft policy that is intended for adaptation by all LHIN Boards for per diem and expense claims to ensure uniformity across the board. Input has been sought from the LHIN's legal counsel and the group will be meeting again to discuss next steps before recommending the policy for Board approval.

As a member of the Audit Sub-Committee for the LHINs, I am pleased to report on the progress that has been made in procuring a new Auditor for the LHINs' annual audit review process. On April 16,

the sub-committee, consisting of Board Chairs and staff from the Toronto Central LHIN and the Local Health Integration Network Council (LHINC) offices, met with three prospective bidders and conducted interviews, the committee will be selecting a firm to enter into a new Auditing contract with the LHINs and bringing their decision forward to the LHIN Boards for decision.

On April 16, Fleishman-Hilliard Canada held an information session in Toronto for all Board Chairs, CEOs and Senior Directors regarding the Health System Funding Reform that is being rolled out across the province by the Ministry of Health. Information that was delivered at this session will be presented at the Board meeting. This new model is based on maximizing service dollars and restoring the acute-care function back into the hospitals to ensure that each patient receives the right care at the right time and in the right place. The Central East LHIN is prepared to support this mandate and strengthen the partnerships and collaboration between our local health services providers to drive this change and make it successful.

The LHINs Leadership Council held a joint meeting with the Board Chairs and CEOs on April 19 followed by a Board Chairs meeting in the afternoon; I will provide a verbal update regarding the business of these meetings.

Meetings with Health Service Providers:

Discussions have been continuing with the Board Chairs and CEOs of some of our local providers. A teleconference was scheduled with the Board Chairs and CEOs of Rouge Valley Health System and The Scarborough Hospital on April 2nd, followed by a subsequent meeting on April 12 to discuss collaboration opportunities between the two providers.

Three interactive meetings were held with our Governance Advisory Councils on March 29 (Durham), April 3 (Northeast) and April 4 (Scarborough). Members of each council participated in roundtable discussions to share best practices, challenges and successes that have affected their organization in the last quarter, while also receiving updates on the current LHIN initiatives such as the Regional Specialized Geriatrics Services Entity as well the Behavioural Supports Ontario project. An overview was provided on the Community Health Services Integration project, which will be a key focus at future meetings. With input from the co-chairs, the Board will determine the relevance of continuing with a joint meeting in May of this year, or pursue having three separate meetings to carry forward the momentum established during this last round of meetings. I will be contacting organizations from the underrepresented sectors at each table as we look into membership renewal for our next round of meetings.

On April 5, the Board Chairs and Management Leads from the organizations participating in the Durham Cluster Community Health Integration project came together to establish a go-forward plan and outline the structure for the planning meetings. We invited the Board Chairs from each of these organizations to return for a follow-up meeting on April 23 to discuss the role of governors in this process. I will report more about the outcomes at the Board meeting.

Committee updates:

The Audit Committee met on April 13 to review the quarterly business. As a follow up from the Board Retreat in September, the Committee is prepared to recommend for the Board's approval the proposed draft terms of reference for a joint Audit and Finance Committee of the Board. This item will be discussed under the Committee Chair's report at the Board meeting.

A meeting has been scheduled on April 25 for the Community Nominations and Governance Committee to review several items following our Board Retreats in September 2011 and March 2012. I will be in contact with the Minister's office to discuss the timelines for filling the remaining vacancy on our Board.

Miscellaneous:

Thank you to Rouge Valley Health System - Centenary Site for hosting today's meeting and providing an overview of the LEAN Methodology that is currently in place at the hospital, this presents itself as a great example of innovative leadership.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Gladstone
Chair