

Selected Accomplishments

FROM 2002-2003

COMMUNITY

- Released the "Grand River Health System Monitoring Report" - developed as a tool for monitoring changes in the health care system and identifying gaps and predicting future needs
- Bolster the primary healthcare system by involvement with Norfolk Physician Recruitment efforts - supporting the establishment of new Recruiter/Retention Officer for Brant County
- Brant County Health Goals - Final report of the Brant County Health Goals Task Force. The report is intended to support community-level decision-making and cross-sectoral planning by key Brant stakeholders
- Encouraged applicants for the available Nurse Practitioner positions available for Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk
- Assisted with the establishment of Dementia Networks in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk
- Released the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Status Report 2002 - in partnership with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
- Establishment of the Brant Community Health System Rural Well-Being Team Advisory Group - provided planning advice and guidance to support the development of four Rural Well-Being Teams in Brant County
- Facilitated Task Force to examine access to acute mental health beds in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk

REGIONAL

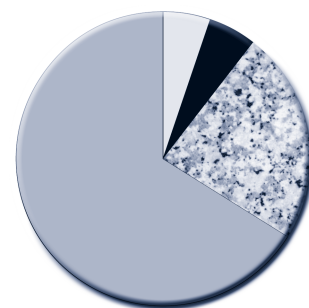
- Participated in the planning of a joint regional educational session of the Kirby and Romanow Commission Reports
- Hosted a plain language educational workshop - "learning to write with plain language"
- Organizing Committee - Regional Mental Health Day
- Participation on the Minister's Report - Mental Health Implementation Task Force
- Participation in the creation of Best Practices through the Regional Geriatric Program central steering committee
- Steering Committee Member - Central West Health Planning Information Network

PROVINCIAL

- Ontario District Health Council's Provincial Health Care Labour Market Survey - a unique survey documenting, for planning purposes, health human resource pressures within MoHLTC community-based transfer payment agencies across a range of sectors
- Grand River Health Human Resource Strategies Forum Report - a summary of Grand River provider experiences submitted to the MoHLTC to support provincial policy development.
- Participation in the Under Served Area Program development - pending Ministry approval



2002/2003 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



	Operating Expenses - \$181,021
	Salaries & Benefits - \$512,034
	One-Time and Capital Expenses - \$40,875
	Surplus - \$40,367

Note: The above financial summary is derived from the complete financial statements of Grand River District Health Council on which Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP expressed an opinion without reservation. A copy of the complete audited financial statements is available from the District Health Council office.

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2002/2003 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission Statement:

**To build the capacity of the
 Grand River community for high
 quality, integrated health services by
 providing leadership
 and facilitating change.**



FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2002 TO MARCH 31, 2003

A message from our Chair and Executive Director

As we come together on the eve of celebrating the 30th birthday of the Ontario District Health Councils, Grand River District Health Council is proud to acknowledge through the testament of time the commitment of our volunteer council members, community stakeholders, ministry personnel, and our dedicated staff who all work towards building the goal of improved access to services for our residents of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk counties. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share with you our Annual Report for the fiscal year 2002-2003 - one of the many ways we take stock of what we've accomplished over the past year.

This past year marked the much anticipated arrival of our new Executive Director in August who is providing an exciting leadership style for board members and staff. Board development became a key focus along with a greater emphasis towards creating a regional presence within our Central South Region (includes the Hamilton-Wentworth and Niagara District Health Councils). With the arrival of two major health commission reform papers, that of Kirby and Romanow, the Grand River DHC began the process of educating and preparing council members in order to consider in their future decision making processes the principles of the reform papers when responding to the needs and requests of the Minister and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Responding to the need for system-wide improvements to our health care system is a challenging task. The success of Grand River DHC to achieve this goal was served this year through greater evidence-based planning & analysis initiatives, development of enhanced monitoring & evaluation tools, and bringing differing community perspectives together through collaborative network planning for better outcomes. By listening and interpreting the interests and needs of our stakeholders, advice provided to the Minister of Health by the District Health Council served to be meaningful and reflective of the local community capacity balanced by good principles of planning.

Building on our core strength, that of planning for a more integrated healthcare system, allowed us to achieve many milestones this past year. Highlights of the many accomplishments throughout 2002-2003 are included in our annual report and could not have been achieved without believing in the concept of community-based planning supported by the numerous dedicated volunteers listed in our report.



Beth Snowden

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Chair



Chris Carew

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Executive Director

GRDHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Outlook for 2003-2004 SELECTED PROJECTS AND REPORTS

COMMUNITY

- Establishment of a Grand River Health Human Resources Network - to advise the DHC Health Human Resource Initiatives for Grand River
- Aboriginal Addiction Services Review - interaction of Native and Non-Native addiction services provided through a native perspective
- Implementation Planning for Brant County Health Goals
- Creation of Long-Term Care Multi-year District Service Plans - analysis of system capacity and client needs
- Grand River District Health Council Health Promotions Strategic Plan - Implementation of strategic plan
- Working with the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory Health Services supporting the unique development of Aboriginal health determinants.
- Building on the regional rehabilitation inventory project - work to improve access in Haldimand-Norfolk including children's rehab needs
- Facilitating planning via Rural and Northern Framework Networks 4 & 17 - bringing hospitals and CCACs together with regional partners and Ministry supports
- Strengthening the district primary care system with the addition of primary care nurse practitioners
- Development of Rural Planning Capacity Framework - creation of a template to address the increasing complex issues related to rural healthcare planning

REGIONAL

- Central South Compendium of Health Human Resource Strategies
- Joint Rehabilitation Project Development Technical Reference Group - to support consistent process for Ministry of Health & Long Term Care Operating Plan priorities
- Continuation of Regional Stroke Strategy - mapping exercise to begin addressing prevention initiatives
- Social Service regional interface - Member of Technical Advisory Group to support CONTACT agencies in Central South undertaking comprehensive community plans
- Analyze capacity and utilization of long-term care volunteer transportation - linkages between volunteer transportation and adult day programming
- Epidemiological support to the SARS Epi-Centre - MOHLTC

PROVINCIAL

- Provincial Forum on Health Human Resources
- DHC exercise of Strategic Planning Beyond 2003
- Participation in a provincial task force to address District Health Council budget pressures
- Regional Technical Advisory Committee for the selection criteria of core and optional health indicators to be used in Phase II of the Health System Monitoring Report

