

Ontario District Health Councils

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF DEVELOPING
SOLUTIONS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

The District Health Councils (DHCs) of Ontario are celebrating 30 years of integrating and improving the availability of health services in communities throughout the province.

Currently, there are 16 District Health Councils across Ontario that act as independent, objective advisors to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on health issues that matter to the residents of the community they serve.

The planning area within the Grand River District Health Council includes the counties of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk and Six Nations. DHCs are health planning organizations funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.



The working relationship between the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the District Health Council is defined in a Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding describes the operational accountability, auditing and reporting relationships between the Council and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

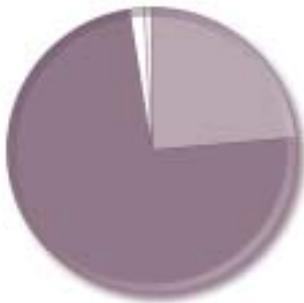
- District Health Council members are volunteers appointed by the Ontario Government Cabinet and do not receive remuneration. Council membership consists of:
- providers (stakeholders who deliver health or health related social services),
 - consumers (residents living in the Counties of Brant, Haldimand or Norfolk and Six Nations),
 - government (representatives of local municipal structures)

Council Members

Glenn Forrest, *Chair*
Beth Snowden, *Past Chair*
Carmen Dillon, *1st Vice-Chair*
Shirley Cornell, *2nd Vice-Chair*
Randy Peltz, *Treasurer*
Roy Schofield, *Member-at-Large*

Dorothy Guest
Ruby Jacobs
Helen Mulligan
Tom Patterson
John Wells
Brent Woodford
John Douglas (*MOHLTC*)

2003/2004 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



- Operating Expenses - \$184,838
- Salaries & Benefits - \$574,997
- One-Time and Capital Expenses - \$14,646
- Surplus - \$5,904

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 GRDHC office.

GRDHC Staff

Chris Carew
Executive Director

Erica MacIntyre
Health Planner

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2003/2004 ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2003
TO MARCH 31, 2004



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

A message FROM OUR CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year, the Ontario District Health Councils celebrated their 30th anniversary. This milestone marks a proud testament of time -- one that demonstrates the commitment of our volunteer council, community stakeholders, ministry partners and dedicated staff, working towards building the goal of improved access to services for the residents of Grand River. With that goal in mind, we are pleased to share with you our Annual Report for the fiscal year 2003/2004 – one of the many ways we take stock of what we've accomplished over the past year.

Success is usually the product of hard work and sustained effort. And in today's complex world, success increasingly comes from shared relationships and network building; one of the District Health Councils greatest strengths. Our annual report speaks to our efforts in community engagement and network building, identifying successes in many of the health disciplines offered in Grand River. One of our proudest achievements was the release of our “GRDHC Health Promotion Strategic Plan” – a joint project with hospitals and public health units identifying a health promotions component for our region and further supporting a health promotions element into all of our DHC projects.

This year marked a change in Board leadership. Our outgoing Chair, Beth Snowden, provided exemplary leadership and governance to the directors of the DHC through her participative style and strategic approach in supporting system change. Beth has always been and will continue to be an advocate for her community, giving so generously her time, experience and insight to build a more integrated healthcare system. We welcome the new leadership of Glenn Forrest, our incoming chair. Glenn is proud of his aboriginal roots and will continue to support Council's desire to ensure a 'systems approach' for all our planning initiatives.

As the DHC begins the process to plan beyond 2004, we may very well be embarking on some national reform health initiatives. Recognizing that our healthcare system is in need of change to ensure sustainability, your District Health Council is well positioned to contribute to the successful future of our healthcare system. With this in mind, access and equity will become a stronger focus in the coming year in our planning efforts, attempting to bridge existing gaps in services for the residents of Grand River.

Our Annual Report to our community presented in this brochure highlights selected projects and outcomes from the previous year. By listening and interpreting the interests of our stakeholders, our advice to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care served to be meaningful and reflective of the local community capacity balanced by good principles of planning. We are very proud of the work we do and pleased to share this information with you.



Beth Snowden
Past Chair (Chair OIC expired
September 29, 2003)



Glenn Forrest
Chair (Chair OIC effective
September 30, 2003)



Chris Carew
Executive Director

Volunteerism



GRDHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Beth Snowden, *Chair*
Shirley Cornell**
Carmen Dillon**
Glenn Forrest
Randy Peltz
Roy Schofield*
John Wells*

ACCESS TO HOSPITAL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WORKGROUP

Myrna Cooper
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Anne Howe
Linda Kostrewa
John McAdam
Anita McGowan
Mary Stewart
Deb Young
Sheila Bristo, *MOHLTC*
Ingrid Farag, *MOHLTC*

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*
Marnie Balazs, *GRDHC Staff*

AMBULATORY AND IN-HOME REHABILITATION REVIEW DISTRICT TECHNICAL GROUP

Toni Borecky
Myrna Cooper
Janice Macovik
Beverlee Matheson

Rita-Marie Hadley, *GRDHC Staff*

BRANT LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

Heather Bruce
Dorothy DeVuono
Carol Howarth
Betsy Hudy, *Chair*
Steve Leighfield
Janet Lovekin
Beverlee Matheson
Lori Santilli

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*

MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE OPERATING PLAN REVIEW TASK FORCE

Shirley Cornell
Glenn Forrest
John Wells

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*
Marnie Balazs, *GRDHC Staff*

GRAND RIVER COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ADVISORY GROUP

Caroline Ball
Karen Boughner
Ruby Jacobs
Karen Kuzmich
Marion McGeein
Shelley Rollo
Jill Steen
Tamara Stefanits
Jo Ann Tober
Linda Vancso

Erica MacIntyre, *GRDHC Staff*

GRAND RIVER HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES NETWORK

Chris Carew, *Chair, GRDHC Staff*
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Tony Araujo
Carolyn Bowman
Angela Bucco
Anna Bucholtz
Carmen Dillon
Bruce Eberts
Marylisa Forsyth
Kay Godden
David Godwaldt
Ruby Jacobs
Jill Halyk
Teresa Kapitor
Rosemary Knechtel
Janet Krolouski
Steve Leighfield
Beverlee Matheson
Deb McEwan
David Neill
Linda Parkhill
Ralph Pearce
Frances Roesch
Lisa VandenBussche

Erica MacIntyre, *GRDHC Staff*
Joanne Shannon, *GRDHC Staff*

PROVISION OF ADDICTION SERVICES TO ABORIGINAL RESIDENTS OF BRANT, HALDIMAND, NORFOLK, SIX NATIONS AND NEW CREDIT

Dennis Bouillon
Shirley Cornell
Glenn Forrest
Brent Woodford

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*
Erica MacIntyre, *GRDHC Staff*
Marnie Balazs, *GRDHC Staff*

HOSPITAL NETWORKS 4 AND 17

Rita-Marie Hadley,
Chair, GRDHC Staff
Megan Allen
Karen Boughner
Jacqueline Delong
John Elgersma
Terry Fadelle
Brenda Flaherty
Ruby Jacobs
Sherry Kerr
Dorothy Kott
Bill Lewis
Paul Mailloux
Carol Overmars
Beth Snowden
Mary Stewart
Carole Taylor
Glenda Toll
Rick Woodcock
Ingrid Farag, *MOHLTC*

Chris Carew, *GRDHC Staff*
Joanna Oliver, *GRDHC Staff*
Marnie Balazs, *GRDHC Staff*

LONG-TERM CARE MULTI- YEAR PLAN TASK FORCE

Dorothy Guest, *Chair*
Helen Mulligan, *Co-Chair*
Toni Borecky
Barb Clendenning
Joan Hutcheson
Kit Julian
Janet Lovekin
Leo Massi
Lori Monture
Diane Pick
Bruce Robinson
Lloyd Smith
Sandra Woodworth
John Douglas, *MOHLTC*
Ann Scott, *MOHLTC*

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*
Joanna Oliver, *GRDHC Staff*
Marnie Balazs, *GRDHC Staff*

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Barb Clendenning
Tanya Day
Joan Hutcheson
Kit Julian, *Chair*
Ann Lindley
Bruce Robinson
Ronelda Smith

David Diegel, *GRDHC Staff*

Selected Accomplishments FROM 2003-2004

COMMUNITY

- Released the “GRDHC Health Promotion Strategic Plan” – a joint project with hospitals and public health units identifying a health promotion plan for our region
- Broker of information exchange through the establishment of the Grand River Health Human Resources Network – planning human resource strategies
- Creation of a Long-Term Care Multi-Year District Service Plan – analysis of system capacity and client needs
- Strengthening the district primary care system through the support of primary care nurse practitioners
- Facilitated the development of Mental Health Protocols for access to mental health services (to be completed in 04/05)
- Development of a Rural Planning Capacity Framework –building a common approach to address the increasing complex issues related to rural healthcare planning
- Facilitated planning for the Rural and Northern Framework for Networks 4 & 17 (hospitals and CCACs)
- Aboriginal Addiction Services Review – Forum to bridge the gap promoting greater interaction of Native and Non-Native addiction services
- Development of the 'Implementation Phase for the Brant County Health Goals' (Phase II) building on the health goals identified in 2002
- District Ambulatory & In-Home Rehabilitation Inventory Project – to improve access, especially in Haldimand-Norfolk, including children's rehab needs
- Building relationships with the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory Health Services supporting the unique development of their health system

REGIONAL

- Central South Compendium of Health Human Resource Strategies – building strategies to address the Health Human Resources shortage for Grand River
- Analyzed capacity and utilization of Long-Term Care volunteer transportation – examining linkages between volunteer transportation and adult day programming
- Provided planning leadership to further the Regional Stroke Strategy; data mapping, acute stroke destination and repatriation agreements & district stroke center at BGH
- Social Service Interface – Member of Technical Advisory Group to Support CONTACT agencies in Central South undertaking comprehensive community plans

PROVINCIAL

- Provincial Forum on Health Human Resources – taking stock of strategies to combat Health Human Resources challenges in the province
- Regional Technical Advisory Committee for the selection of core and optional health indicators to be used in Phase II of the Grand River Health System Monitoring Report – emphasis on equity and access
- Epidemiological support to the Provincial SARS Epi-Centre
- Planning support to the Joint Working Group of the OHA and MOHLTC to review the implementation of the Rural and Northern Health Care Framework

* (position held until Sept. 4/03) ** (position effective Sept. 5/03)