

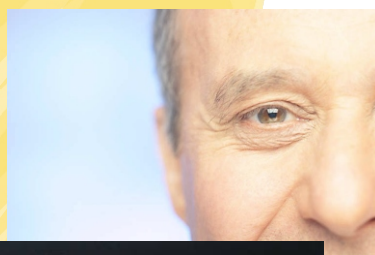
Hamilton District Health Council



Conseil régional de santé de Hamilton

Annual Report

2003/2004



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A Message from our Chair and Executive Director

The Hamilton District Health Council is committed to establishing new ways of working that support population health planning. To this end, we launched our health equity analysis project, investigating inequities in health status, and access and utilization of health services in Hamilton neighbourhoods. We initiated our Seniors Health and Well-Being Project, intended to identify strategies across the broad determinants of health for a healthy aging community.

And we took care of business "at home." We assessed our compliance with Board policies, modified our approach to member recruitment and retention, and modernized job descriptions. In addition, we are working to improve our organizational performance monitoring and our communication tools.

At all times, we try to ensure that our work benefits the residents of the City of Hamilton. There are many examples where our DHC and community health partners pull together for the benefit of the community. The Hamilton Addiction and Mental Health Network (formerly RPP, the Regional Psychiatry Program) is a partnership of the Hamilton DHC and community mental health stakeholders; our goal is coordinated planning, service, education, and research for a recovery oriented mental health system. The DHC recommended a palliative care network in June 2002 for a city-wide palliative care program; subsequently, the Hamilton Hospice Palliative Care Network was launched in June 2003. The goal of our DHC's Seniors Health and Well-being Project is a "network of networks" that will steward community directions for seniors health and well-being. The unique role that the Hamilton DHC brings to each of these local health networks is direct advice to the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on local need and improvement options.



Change is afoot. Minister Smitherman has indicated that better integration and coordination at the local level are required. The Hamilton DHC will continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and support its transformation agenda. Our Council members and Staff will continue to apply best planning practice for local health system improvement. Partnerships and integration will continue to characterize our approach to planning.

On behalf of Council, we extend a warm thank you to Council members whose term at Council concluded this past year - Bill Kelly and Russ Powers. We look forward to working with new members in the coming months. Finally, we extend a warm thanks to Staff whose talents and commitment to continuous improvement for evidence-based planning complement Council's deliberations and advice.

Judith Evans
Chair

Marion Emo
Executive Director

Our Mission

The Hamilton District Health Council plans and advocates for a responsive, accessible, and cost effective health system, which supports, promotes, and enhances the health of individuals and the community.

Our Vision

A health system which:

- Supports people to achieve their optimal health
- Responds effectively to people's needs; and
- Enhances education and applies research in promoting a Sustainable health system.

Our Values

Our work is guided by the principles of respect, collaboration, empowerment, transparency, and accountability.

2003/2004 Financial Summary

Revenue

Ontario Ministry of Health And Long-Term Care	\$967,268
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Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$755,483
Office Space	\$103,282
Other	\$107,797

Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 706
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Activity Highlights

We Prepared the Following Reports on the Local Health System

- Long-Term Care Community Support Services in Hamilton: Capacity and Coordination in a Changing Environment. March 2004
- Status Report: Seniors Health and Well Being Project. March 2004
- Status Report: Perinatal Capacity Planning. March 2004
- Overview: Housing Activities in Hamilton. March 2004
- Ambulatory and In Home Physical Rehabilitation Services in Hamilton. February 2004
- Hamilton Health System Fact Book updated December 2003
- French Language Service Implementation Plan in Hamilton. September 2003
- A Review of Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Funded Transportation Services in Hamilton. September 2003
- Emerging Trends and Issues for Long-Term Care Services in Hamilton. September 2003
- Consumer and Family Involvement: Findings from a Survey of Mental Health and Addictions Programs in Hamilton. August 2003
- Proceedings of the Mental Health and Addictions Forum. June 2003
- Review of Mental Health and Addictions Operation Plans, 2003-04. June 2003
- Compendium of Human Resources Strategies to Sustain Health Programs and Services. May 2003

We Partnered with Stakeholders & Other Planning Bodies to Prepare the Following Reports on the Health System

- Eating Disorders Services in Central South Region, A report in partnership with the Niagara and Grand River District Health Councils. March 2004
- A Long-term Care Census of Central South/Central West Ontario. September 2003 Report pending. A one-day census of long-term care service utilization.
- In partnership with Central West Health Planning Information Network:
 - Angina and Socioeconomic Status in Ontario: How Are They Connected? 2003
 - Profile of Suicide and Suicide Attempts in Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario. November 2003

We Reviewed Proposals and Policies

- Submission to the Standing Committee on Justice and Social Policy. March 2004. Collectively with the Provincial DHC Executive Directors (PED)
- The Role of District Health Councils in Health System Alignment. Submission to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. March 2004. Collectively with Ontario DHCs

We Organized Forums

- Capacity and Coordination in a Changing Environment. Community Support Services Forum. February 2004

- "Healthcare is Changing: The Impact of Consumerism." Hamilton DHC Annual Speakers' Event, November 2003
- Annual Mental Health and Addictions Forum. June 2003

We Collaborated with These Networks and Committees to Improve Health System Planning

- Central West Health Planning Information Network
- Coalition of Community Health and Support Services
- Community Care Research Centre
- Diabetes Network
- Hamilton Hospice Palliative Care Network
- Hamilton Addiction and Mental Health Network (formerly Regional Psychiatry Program)
- Health Services Network for Older Adults
- Mayor's Joint Task Force on Physician Recruitment and Retention
- Mayor's Roundtable for Strengthening Hamilton's Community
- Mayor's GRIDS (Growth Related Integrated Development) Task Force
- Regional Geriatric Program Central

We Carried Out Our Communications Strategy

- We produced our 'News & Views' newsletter: June and December 2003
- We met with Members of Provincial Parliament for Hamilton to discuss implications of Hamilton DHC planning initiatives and shared information on local issues
- We initiated our Annual Speaker Series on Community Issues by holding our special event, 'Healthcare is Changing: The Impact of Consumerism'
- We shared our approach to knowledge transfer with other District Health Councils

We Were Involved with Health Researchers & Academic Institutions

- We taught graduate students in the Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University
- We provided advice in the development of a post-degree diploma to be offered through the new Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research
- We collaborated as a decision-making partner on the following research studies:
 - Deconstructing the Determinants of Health at the Local Level
 - Towards More Meaningful, Informed and Effective Public Consultation: A Comparative Study of Regional Health Authorities in Canada

Hamilton DHC Reports are available on our website
www.hdhc.ca

Council Members 2003-2004

Judith Evans, Chair
Stephen Birch
Patrick Brennan
Gertrude Cetinski
Bill Cooke
Josie Digiacinto

John Eyles
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Anita Isaac
Bill Kelly
Russ Powers
Liz Weaver

Staff 2003-2004

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Agricola Odoi, Health Information Analyst
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Ernie Jodoin, Senior Health Planner
Helen Kirkpatrick, Mental Health
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Joanne Kohut, Health Planner
Ron Wray, Director of Planning

Micheline Wylde, French Language
Services Coordinator
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