

CENTRAL WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

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The role of LHINs

Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are a fundamental part of the government's plan to build a stronger health system in Ontario. LHINs are responsible for planning and integrating, and eventually will be responsible for funding, local health services in 14 different geographic areas of Ontario.

Integrated Health Services Plan

The Central West LHIN is required to produce a local Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP), which is to be submitted to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care by the end of September 2006.

The Central West LHIN's initial Integrated Health Services Plan will be built on the following components.

Community engagement	Central West LHIN Board members and staff will talk to the public and health care providers to ensure the Central West LHIN understands the needs and priorities of the community.
Foundation for future plans	The initial Integrated Health Services Plan is a high-level, 3-year plan on which future Central West LHIN plans will be based.
Priorities for integration	The initial Integrated Health Services Plan will communicate key local initiatives and identified opportunities to coordinate services. The Central West LHIN will look back to the Integration Priority Report developed locally in 2005 for information and ideas on integration.
Consistent with government directions	LHINs will demonstrate they are meeting the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's current strategic directions and priorities.
Spending within our means	LHINs will need to work within Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding.

Community Engagement

Local Health Integration Networks are founded on the principle that local health care is best planned and funded in a coordinated manner locally, because local people best know their own health service needs and priorities. We believe the success and credibility of the Central West LHIN in fulfilling its mandate, and our initial planning initiatives, depend on connecting to the public and health care providers.

The Central West LHIN will engage actively in open communication with the public and with health care providers to determine the health service needs and priorities within the LHIN's borders and incorporate this information within the first local Integrated Health Services Plan.

For more information on LHINs see www.lhins.on.ca

Introducing our Board of Directors

(6 of our initial 9 Board members have now been appointed)

Chair - Joe McReynolds (Caledon East) - has been the CEO of Ontario Community Support Association since 1998. His community involvement currently includes being a board member of Abbeyfield Caledon Houses and a member of the Caledon Hills Housing Corporation. He was a member of the Halton Peel District Health Council, serving as chair from 2000 to 2003. He was chair of the Ontario District Health Councils from 2003 to 2004.

Vice Chair - Terry Miller (Brampton) - joined Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board as a teacher in 1981 and served as the Associate Director of Education for Corporate Services until his recent retirement. Before that he taught history at West Humber Collegiate. In 1969, Terry was elected deputy reeve of Chinguacousy Township and a Member of Peel County Council. In 1974-1979, he was elected as a regional councillor to the city of Brampton Council and the Region of Peel Council. Terry has been active in many community agencies serving as campaign chair of the Canadian Cancer Society Bramalea Unit, and as a member of various Boards of Directors such as; Peel Family Services, Peel Children's Aid Society and Rapport House. Terry was on the Board of Governors of Sheridan College, Chinguacousy Health Services Board, Peel Regional Housing Authority, Peel Memorial Hospital and the Peel Historical Society. Terry was recognized by the government of Canada for his community work when he was awarded the Commemorative Medal - 125th Anniversary of Confederation. He is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee 2002. Terry is also involved in School Aid Grenada, a project to help schools in Grenada recover from the devastating effects of hurricane Ivan.

Secretary - Kuldip Kandola (Brampton) - is owner of Select Group Realty Ltd. a Brampton based franchising company. She has lived in the west end since 1982 and has volunteered for several local organizations including the North York Cultural Association from 1985 to 1987. She has also served as director of Sanvad Publication from 1987 to 1989 and volunteered for the Sikh Women's Organization. Ms. Kandola served as director of the Malton Soccer Club from 1996 to 1998. In addition to running her business, Ms. Kandola has instructed real estate courses from 2003 to 2005 and served on the Ethics and Arbitration Committee of a local real estate board from 2000 to 2005.

Member - Sukhjinder Mintoo Mand (Etobicoke) - has worked as operations manager, PRISM Professional Centre, a tri-level professional building; owner-manager of Saaya, a women's designer clothing store; office manager of a Family Physician's Medical Practice in Etobicoke; and seasonal manager of a fruit farm in Yuba City, California. From 1999 to 2004, she served as a member of the Board of Directors for Rexdale Legal Aid Clinic. Mand speaks to immigrants on settlement in Canada as a member of the Speakers' Bureau, Passages to Canada, The Dominion Institute.

Member - Jack Prazeres (Mississauga) - has been owner of Presidents Masonry & General Contractors since 1992. He is also co-owner and general manager of Trican Masonry Contractors Inc. and publisher of The Portuguese Post Newspaper, a community newspaper. He is the 2002 recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award, the Ducato Dei Vini Friulani Award 2003 and the 2005 Volunteer Civic Award. Prazeres currently serves as president of the Portuguese Disabled Persons Building Fund; health & safety committee director of Masonry Contractors Association of Toronto; trustee of the Bricklayers' Pension Fund Local and co-chair of Carrassauga Festival of Cultures. His past community volunteer work includes fundraising with Peel Regional Police for the Children's Diabetes Foundation and Victim Services of Peel and serving as treasurer, vice-president and president of the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Mississauga.

Member - Mavis Wilson (Shelburne) - is a senior manager with extensive experience in community development activities and has been a speaker in both Canada and the United States. She and her husband, Bruce Wilson, are the owners/operators of Wilson Farms, a successful family farm corporation specializing in potatoes. In 1987, she was elected to the Ontario Legislature and was appointed Minister Responsible for Senior Citizens' Affairs, a member of the Management Board of Cabinet and also the Premier's Council on Health Strategy. In 1989, she was appointed the province's first minister with sole responsibility for Women's Issues. Prior to her election, Wilson was a trustee on The Dufferin County Board of Education for 11 years, serving three terms as chair. She has served her community in many areas, including on the Board of Directors of Family Transition Place, Hospice Dufferin and the Dufferin Rural Child Care Project, and is a supporter of the Dufferin Arts Council.