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LHIN OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES COMMUNITY

The Central West LHIN is all about people – about making meaningful connections with the individuals whose insights will help shape a local health system that is truly responsive to community health needs.

That's exactly what the Central West LHIN did on Thursday, May 3rd, when we opened the doors of our offices and welcomed more than 75 health service providers, community service organizations and community residents to our first Open House.

While we've met many individuals through community engagement activities, meetings, and other formal and informal sessions throughout the past year, the Open House offered Central West LHIN board members, CEO and staff the opportunity to introduce the members of the LHIN team, and to highlight our new health services role.

As of April 1st, the Central West LHIN assumed responsibility for planning, integrating and funding local health services.

"Today, we're here to celebrate our communities coming together to realize a compelling vision," noted Central West LHIN Board Chair Joe McReynolds, "to create a local health system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care when they need it, and will be there for their children and grandchildren."

McReynolds noted that the Central West LHIN was created to provide health care leadership where it should be – in the heart of the communities that best know the needs of their local health system.

Joined by fellow board members, McReynolds reflected on the tremendous passion that he and his colleagues have witnessed firsthand in their meetings with health service providers and community residents over the past year.

"Your enthusiasm and readiness for change is what will make our collaborative efforts a resounding success," he said. "It's been rewarding to see health care and community leaders from across the Central West LHIN coming together to fulfill a common purpose."

The many individuals who attended the Open House, held in the Central West LHIN's Nelson Street West office, welcomed the opportunity to meet with Central West LHIN board members, CEO and office staff, and in some cases, connect faces to names for the first time.



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"It's rewarding to see so many people in our community, from residents to health service providers, taking advantage of this occasion to learn more about what the LHIN is all about," said CEO Mimi Lowi-Young. "Realizing our vision of a truly responsive local health system will require a contribution from each and everyone one of us in this room today, and every health service provider and community resident within the Central West LHIN."

The Central West LHIN is one of 14 local health integration networks (LHINs) in Ontario founded on the principle that local health care is best planned and funded in a coordinated way locally, because local people best know their own health service needs and priorities.

We were designated by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care, under the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006, to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund local health services, and do so for 49 health service providers including a community health centre, community care access centre, two hospitals, 10 mental health and addiction services, 13 community support services and 22 long-term care homes.

"Our first Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) has already begun to address the gaps

identified in delivering maternal/child services, mental health and addiction services, palliative/end-of-life services, rehabilitation services and services to seniors," noted Lowi-Young. "The priorities it lays out for us over the next three years were inspired by the users and providers of our local health system."

Other priorities being addressed by the Central West LHIN include a focus on primary care linkages with family physicians, chronic disease prevention and management, responsiveness to cultural diversity, the development of an electronic health record, and enhancement of critical care services.

"We look forward to taking this health care journey with health service providers and community residents," said Lowi-Young. "Together, we will explore the possibilities and realize our shared vision for health care in this region."

For more information about the Central West LHIN and the Integrated Health Service Plan, please visit www.centralwestlhin.on.ca or call **905.455.1281**.

"My husband, Jim and I are seniors and we have a vested interest in the ongoing work of the Central West LHIN. Having the opportunity to personally meet with the Central West LHIN staff & Board instilled in us the confidence that they will work to improve access to much much-needed services in our community."

Margaret McLeod

Date	Initiative Announcement	Health Service Provider	Amount	General Information
April 20	Critical Care Beds	William Osler Health Centre - Peel Memorial Hospital Site	1,000,000	2 ICU beds
April 27	Reducing Health Care Wait Times	William Osler Health Centre	11,670,391	2000 Cataract Volumes - \$1,350,000 608 Hip & Knee Volumes - \$4,211,100 956 CT Hrs, 3,346 CT Exams - \$239,000 11,464 MRI Hrs, 17,196 MRI Exams - \$2,980,600 1,246 Cardiac Volumes - \$1,722,150 296 Cancer Volumes - \$1,167,541
		Headwaters Health Care Centre	308,800	329 Cataract Volumes - \$246,800 248 CT Hrs, 868 CT Exams - \$62,000
May 4	Increasing Access to Screening for Colorectal Cancer	William Osler Health Centre	320,000	1,000 cases
		Headwaters Health Care Centre	88,640	277 cases
May 6	National Hospice Palliative Care Week	Hospice Caledon (Bethel House)	2,050,000	
May 9	1200 New RPNs in Long-Term Care Homes	22 Long-Term Care Homes in Central West LHIN		Minimum 1 new RPN per Long Term Care Home
May 11	Critical Care Nursing Training	William Osler Health Centre - Brampton Site - Etobicoke Site	72,000 90,000	4 Nurses to be trained 5 Nurses to be trained