



Central East

LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

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"The skills and experience of these local leaders will be an invaluable resource to the LHINs as they strive to provide the very best locally directed health care possible."

– the Honourable George Smitherman,
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Central East LHIN Board appointments now complete



William Gleed



Ronald Francis



Dr. Alexander Hukowich

On June 28th, Premier Dalton McGuinty named the final three community leaders who will now sit on the board of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. William Gleed (Kawartha Lakes), Ronald Francis (Scarborough) and Dr. Alexander Hukowich (Hamilton Township) join Foster Loucks, Joseline Sikorski, Jean Achmatowicz MacLeod, Eva Nichols, Novina Wong and Stephen Kylie in providing governance leadership to the Central East LHIN.

For more information on the Board, please visit the Central East LHIN website, www.centraleastlhin.on.ca and click on the [Board](#) button.

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Progress Toward eHealth

Our Board has identified Electronic health (e-health) initiatives as a key area of focus for our LHIN. The priority planning task force for our LHIN also recommended that the Central East LHIN "initiate development of an information management and information technology strategy...". On this advice, the LHIN has decided to survey all of the organizations in the LHIN about their current Information Technology and Information Management (IT-IM) infrastructure. "Assembling this inventory will be a critical first step for our LHIN" says Lewis Hooper, eHealth Lead and Regional CIO in the Central East LHIN. The inventory will be used to identify:

- Information for delivering care;
- Information for managing care; and
- Technology used to support the above categories.

Our intention is to use the information from the inventory at a strategic level to evaluate, prioritize and align local initiatives with the provincial and federal eHealth initiatives. "With all that is going on right now in the Province around eHealth, we need to make sure our health service providers in our LHIN are well positioned to take advantage of opportunities to move toward the electronic health record", says Mr. Hooper. "As the Ontario Health Quality Council recently concluded in their annual report" he adds, "investing in eHealth – using information technology to manage health, arrange, deliver and account for care, and manage the health-care system – will do the most to improve all the attributes of a high performing health system". We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all those organizations that have completed their survey. We hope to share the results in the fall 2006.



Phase II Collaboratives are created Local Works!

Nearly 100 community residents and health care providers from across the Central East LHIN have volunteered to join one of nine local health care planning advisory teams or collaboratives to support the Central East LHIN.

"This kind of collaboration, embracing consumers and caregivers, front-line workers and health-care professionals, community and social services representation, and health care administrators and private-sector employers, writes the textbook on the LHIN concept brought to reality."

*– the Honourable George Smitherman,
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care*

Collaborative members will begin meeting in August to review LHIN-wide health care strategies related to Mental Health and Addiction, Seamless Care for Seniors and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management. Their input will be incorporated into the IHSP which will then be available for public comment before being submitted to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on October 31, 2006. Information on the nine collaboratives, including a brief biography and photo of each volunteer, is available on the Central East LHIN website under the [Collaborative](#) button.



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Headlines from the Newsroom

Service in French subject of cross-LHIN meeting

The Central East LHIN along with four other Local Health Integration Networks – Central, Mississauga Halton, Toronto Central and Central West partnered with the Toronto Region French Language Services Planning Committee in holding an all-day consultation session with consumers and health care providers from francophone communities in the Toronto area. Check out the [Newsroom](#) section of the Central East LHIN website for the complete story. The Newsroom section is continually updated with stories written by independent journalists on the Central East LHIN.



Network Update

● *Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Network underway*

Community residents, administrators and health care professionals, including physicians, met in Oshawa on June 26th to begin creating a LHIN-wide network focused on **Chronic Disease Prevention and Management (CDPM)**. All the information from the event is posted on the Central East LHIN website under the [Health Interest Networks](#) button. A group of volunteers who attended the event will now begin working on a Terms of Reference to guide the Network as it develops strategies that will be incorporated in the upcoming Integrated Health Services Plan.

● *Seamless Care for Seniors Network establishes Steering Committee*

Community residents and health care providers from across the Central East community are invited to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form if they are interested in joining the **Seamless Care for Seniors Network (SCFS)** Steering Committee. The SCFS Network Terms of Reference and an EOI form are posted on the Central East website under the [Health Interest Networks](#) button. The deadline for submission is July 28th.