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Directions

Changes to strengthen Health System Information Management and Investment

Deputy Minister Ron Sapsford today announced key structural changes to Health System Information Management and Investment (HSIMI), making further adjustments to the division that was created in January 2008 after the merger of the former Health System Information Management and Health System Investment and Funding Divisions.

“These changes will further strengthen our ability to work as able stewards on behalf of the health system,” he said.

Since the merger, a review was conducted of HSIMI’s management structure and the roles and responsibilities of each branch. The review’s purpose was to make the division more efficient by consolidating functions under a combined management structure and better positioning it to support the ministry’s stewardship mandate.

The realignment of HSIMI being announced today impacts the SMG structure only and will be implemented by the end of September 2008. The changes (see organization chart on page 2) include:

- The investment information analysis function, currently carried out by both the Investment and Portfolio Management and the Strategic Investment Planning branches, will be merged. The consolidated branch will be re-named Investment Planning and Management. Three investment analytics units within the Investment Planning and Management Branch will incorporate the functions of the Program Funding and Allocation unit.
- The financial modeling function currently performed in both the Health Analytics and the Strategic Investment Planning Branches will be consolidated into a single unit within Health Analytics.

- The functions of data quality and standards, currently preformed by one unit, will be separated into two units within the Health Data Branch, to support high work volumes in these areas.

Postings will be completed shortly for the positions of manager for the following areas:

- o Data Standards
- o Data Quality
- o Methods and Modeling
- o Investment Analytics (three manager positions)

No adjustments are being made at this time to the Information Management Strategy and Policy; Knowledge Management; Emerging Innovation Investment Strategy; and Health Capital Investment Branches.

“These structural adjustments are being made to support our ability to carry out the division’s mandate,” McKinley said. “It consolidates key functional competencies and skills within the division to strengthen our organizational structure and ability to contribute to the ministry’s stewardship role,” he said. ■

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Organizational Chart

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The Health System Information Management and Investment Division provides health information, funding policies and investment funding options which enable evidence-based decision-making to ensure a sustainable health care system for Ontario. This includes: supporting information management stewardship functions, including planning, managing, funding, and monitoring of Ontario's health system, service providers and customers; defining authoritative data and information sources required to perform operations; developing information management products, services and standards; enabling improved access, use and uptake of information required to manage the health system; developing funding policies and analytical tools to support investment decision-making; and developing funding models and recommended levels of investment for the health care system to promote a sustainable, quality health care system for Ontario residents.

