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In 1965 I entered the world of health care - I graduated as a nurse from what was then the Hamilton Civic Hospitals. In 2005 I entered a new world of health care - I became the CEO of a LHIN; and in 2010 I enter the world of health care retirement.

Throughout my career, our health care system has been in perpetual change, constant transition, and full of challenges and opportunities and the success stories are many.

Have there been bumps along the way? Of course there have. Do I look back with regret? No. Do I look ahead with confidence? Absolutely.

For the past five years I have had the privilege to serve proudly as the CEO of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN). LHINs were a new and unknown entity when they were created in 2005; however, five years later we have made great strides in fulfilling the mandate set forth by then Minister of Health George Smitherman – to plan, fund and integrate the local health system; to provide appropriate, coordinated, effective and efficient health services for the citizens of

our LHIN. Fortunately the LHINs did not receive their full mandate until almost a year after we first began. This time allowed us to meet with providers and the public to learn the issues, listen to stories and develop relationships. These early engagements allowed us, together, to focus on improving the patients' experiences with the health system.

Health care in Ontario is ever changing. It must change – what we've been used to simply is not sustainable. Our health service providers are faced with difficult decisions and many of those decisions will cause stress, angst and questions within our communities. I understand that – I've been through it many, many times during my 45 years in health care. I thank the many health service providers, at the organizational and individual level, for their active participation in working together – across sectors – to improve access and quality of care.

Read the [full message](#).

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On June 15, 2010, Pat Mandy, CEO of the HNHB LHIN, announced her retirement. September 3, 2010 was Pat's last day as CEO of the HNHB LHIN.

On behalf of the HNHB LHIN Board, I would like to thank Pat for her leadership and her unwavering commitment to improving the local health system for the citizens of our communities.

I am pleased to announce that Alan Iskiw will be the Interim CEO of the HNHB LHIN. Alan is currently Senior Director, Performance, Contract and Allocation of the HNHB LHIN. He will begin his new role as Interim CEO effective September 4, 2010.



I, along with the Board, am confident that Alan will continue to provide the HNHB LHIN with strong leadership as we move through this transition period.

We are moving diligently through the CEO selection process and we look forward to announcing the successful candidate in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Juanita G. Gledhill
Board Chair

To learn about Alan's role as Senior Director, Performance, Contract and Allocation, watch his [video](#).

Update from the Board Meeting - August 31 2010

The minutes from the August 31, 2010 board meeting will be posted following approval at the September 28 meeting. In the meantime, please read through some of the board meeting highlights.

Highlights

- This was the last official Board of Directors meeting for Pat Mandy, former HNHB LHIN CEO.
- The Board endorsed the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Development Stage 1 Capital Submission. The Stage 1 Capital submission has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
- The Board endorsed the Pre-Capital submission for the expansion of inpatient rehabilitation beds for Niagara at the Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre. This submission has now been forwarded to the ministry.
- The Board supported a continued partnership with the Waterloo Wellington (WW) LHIN to expand the eHealth systems and advance their ehealth governance, and shared service delivery capability in both WW and HNHB LHINs.
- The Board approved:
 - The organizations currently receiving sessional fees retain their base allocation; and
 - The new base funding be held by St Joseph's Health Care Centre for Mountain Health Services for a period of three years and subject to review; and will be allocated consistently with:
 - sessional fee guidelines,
 - resident needs, and;
 - HNHB LHIN stakeholder referral and scheduling protocols.

Upcoming Events

Community Events

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

[Learn About Local Services for Our Aging Population](#) (Niagara Health System Health Education Series)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Port Colborne

Thursday, September 16, 2010

[Alzheimer Coffee Break](#)

Niagara

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

[Are health systems and policies designed around the needs of older adults - their biggest users?](#) (Successful Aging Speakers' Series)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

[What to Expect When Moving into Long-Term Care](#)

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Brantford

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[HNHB LHIN Board Meeting](#)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grimsby

Health Service Provider Events

The Cancer Quality Council of Ontario (CQCO) and Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society – Ontario Division, are pleased to announce the fifth annual call for nominations for the 2010 Quality and Innovation Awards. [Click here](#) for more information. ***Nomination deadline: September 20, 2010.***

Wednesday, September 22, 2010: [The Legend of the Geriatric Fall - A Symposium in Three Parts](#)

Saturday, September 25, 2010: [Interventional Pain Management Conference](#)

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Friday, October 29, 2010: [Identification and Facilitation of Dementia Research and Leading Practices in LHIN 4](#). **Call for Poster Abstracts - Submission Deadline is September 15, 2010**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010: [Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo 2010](#). **Entries Deadline is September 10, 2010**

Wednesday, November 24, 2010: [Innovations in Hospice Palliative Care](#)

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Good News from our Partners

Read about some of the good news stories from our partners in health.

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"We are pleased that Donna Cripps will be joining the HNHB LHIN team," said Juanita Gledhill, HNHB LHIN Board Chair. "Donna will be an integral part of the ongoing success our LHIN has had working with our health care partners, stakeholders and community members to achieve high quality, equitable and sustainable local health care services."

With a range of skill and experience from clinical practice to executive leadership, Donna has a thorough understanding of health care delivery from an operational and strategic perspective. Her commitment to putting patients first and to the ongoing pursuit of excellence in caring make her a knowledgeable and compassionate leader. While at St. Peter's Hospital, Donna also held the positions of Vice President of Patient Services, and Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and participated in numerous regional and provincial activities.

"I look forward to working with the HNHB LHIN staff and Board as we move forward with the Integrated Health Service Plan and Clinical Services Plan," said Donna Cripps. "My early focus will be on the Year One priorities of those plans, fostering relationships in the communities and advancing the transformation agenda. This LHIN, its partners, and communities have already experienced great success with the Aging at Home and the ED/ALC strategies and we will continue to build on those achievements."

Currently, she is the Chair of the Complex Continuing Care and Rehabilitation Provincial Leadership Council, OHA and a member of the Boards of Directors of Participation House and United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton. Her previous community involvement has included presiding as Chair of the Niagara District Health Council and President of the Ontario Physiotherapy Association. In addition to her many contributions to patient care in our LHIN, Donna has become well known for her ability to build and strengthen relationships with all health care partners.

Read the [media release](#).

Good News from our Partners

September 21 2010: [New clinic offers quick screening for lung cancer](#) - St. Catharines Standard

Anew lung cancer assessment clinic opened at St. Catharines General Hospital. This clinic reduces the time patients wait for diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. Read the [media release](#).

September 18 2010: [Centre seeks new patients](#) - The Brantford Expositor

The Grand River Community Health Centre is taking new patients. It has also extended its hours.

September 17 2010: [Reducing ER wait times our No. 1 priority](#) - Niagara Health System

Niagara Health System is working with its partners to continue to provide patients with quality care and to reduce the time patients spend waiting in NHS emergency rooms.

September 16 2010: [\\$29.8M on the way for aging at home programs](#) - The Brantford Expositor

On August 31, 2010, the HNHB LHIN announced funding for local programs that help seniors age independently at home and in the community. Read the [media release](#) and [background](#).

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Question: Do members of the HNHB LHIN Board of Directors represent geographic areas within the LHIN?

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Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are governed by an appointed Board of Directors and are bound by accountability agreements with the Ministry. Each Board member is appointed by an Order-in-Council.

Board members are selected using a merit-based process, with all candidates assessed for the fit between skills and abilities of the prospective appointee and the needs of each LHIN. The appointment process is transparent and consistent - with clear and understandable guidelines applied consistently to all Board member appointments.

Board members are expected to possess relevant expertise, experience, leadership skills, and have an understanding of local health issues, needs, and priorities. Succeeding board membership will entail an ongoing community processes led by the LHIN Board, to help identify and recommend potential board candidates.

For additional information, including a description of each LHIN and a description of the requirements to serve as a LHIN director, please visit the Public Appointments Secretariat (PAS) website at www.pas.gov.on.ca.

To submit a comment/question to the HNHB LHIN, [click here](#).

Did you know?

HNHB LHIN Board members and senior staff regularly travel across the LHIN to speak with various community groups and organizations. Through our Speaker's Bureau, groups and organizations can learn about the LHIN, its role and some of its current activities.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Speaker's Bureau and to request a speaker.

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[Vascular Dementia and Mixed Dementias](#)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Catharines

Wednesday September 29 2010

[Political Advocacy in Smoking Cessation - The Role of the Health Professional](#)

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Hamilton

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 (also October 6 and 13)

[Free Quit Smoking Program](#)

6:30 - 7:30 o.m.

Port Colborne

Thursday, September 30, 2010

[Assistive Technology Exhibit](#)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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