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Events Calendar

Check out upcoming events in the HNHB LHIN, including the **HNHB LHIN board business meeting May 31, 2011**.

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In 2010, the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, named six French language health planning entities that will provide the province's 14 LHINs with guidance on the following items, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 515/09 Engagement with the Francophone Community under the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (LHSIA):

- methods of engaging the Francophone community in the area;
- the health needs and priorities of the Francophone community in the area, including the needs and priorities of diverse groups within that community; the health services available to the Francophone community in the area;
- the identification and designation of health service providers for the provision of French language health services in the area;
- strategies to improve access to, accessibility of and integration of French language health services in the local health system; and,
- the planning for and integration of health services in the area.

Read the media release in [English](#) and [French](#).

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The demonstration model will address a gap in services to help seniors in poor health who, while not needing long-term care, do need more care than the services currently available to help them live independently at home. Services, such as assistance with bathing, getting dressed, managing medications, preparing meals, and light cleaning, will be available 7 days per week on a 24 hour basis. These services will help keep seniors well and prevent them from avoidable hospital stays and early admission to a long-term care home.

The demonstration model will build on and be co-located with the Wellness Supportive Living Program (WSLP) sponsored by the March of Dimes Canada-Niagara. The WSLP is a LHIN-funded Aging at Home program located in north St. Catharines. The WSLP was chosen to host the demonstration model because its strong partnerships with other health service providers help high risk seniors to continue living in supportive housing settings. This program was also chosen because its Niagara location is in an area that is home to a large number of seniors.

Read the [media release](#).

Highlights from the Board Business Meeting: April 26, 2011

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This was Bill McLean's last board meeting as he completes his term as board member on May 16, 2011. Bill was appointed for a two-year term on May 17, 2006 and re-appointed for a three-year term on May 17, 2008. Bill was recognized by his fellow board members and LHIN staff for his valuable contributions to local health care decision-making throughout his tenure.



- Eric Vandewall, CEO and Susan Busby, Chair of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington spoke about how the hospital is working toward meeting the LHIN's Alternate Level of Care (ALC) and Emergency Room (ER) performance targets. They also spoke about how the hospital is exploring opportunities to work together with other hospitals and McMaster University.
- A presentation regarding the LHIN-wide coordination of cancer care programs across hospitals was given by Dr. Bill Evans, President, and Carol Rand, Director Systemic, Supportive and Regional Cancer Programs, Juravinski Cancer Centre. The oncology working group is led by Dr. Evans.
- The board approved the movement of funding from HNHB LHIN to Mississauga Halton (MH) LHIN for the ADAPT program as this program provides the majority of its services to residents of the MH LHIN.
- Donna Cripps, CEO, HNHB LHIN, declared the LHIN's compliance with the *Local Health System*

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Here's a peak into the first post:



I'm very excited to start blogging! You'll find me here on the first Monday of the month.

The focus of my blog will be on topics related to access to care, such as Alternate Level of Care (ALC), wait times, and health system coordination. I'll explore what this means for people and providers and how these issues impact various parts of the health system. I'll also share some of the initiatives we're working on to improve access to care to help people get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

After all, health care is about people. It's about you and me, our families, friends and neighbours. I am committed to working toward making people's health care experiences better.

It's been about five months now since I started my role as CEO. In this short time, I've had the privilege of getting to know lots of people in our communities.

To read the full blog post, [click here](#).

Sign up to receive Donna's Blog by email. Check out the next blog post on Monday, May 2, which will focus on quality.

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The new development includes more modern rooms, spacious common areas and enhanced accessibility. Existing rooms will also be modernized. Construction is expected to be completed by early 2013.

Check out the article in [Niagara This Week](#).

Upcoming Events

Community Events

Friday, April 29, 2011

[Grand River Community Health Centre Open House](#)

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Brantford

Saturday, April 30, 2011

[Community Health Fair: Mind, Body, Spirit](#)

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Simcoe

May 3, 10, & 17, 2011

[Care in the Later Stages of Dementia](#)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Saturday, May 7, 2011

[A Changing Meldoy: Forum for Persons with Dementia and Their Care Partners](#)

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

Hamilton

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

[HNHB LHIN Board Business Meeting](#)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grimsby

For more community events, [click here.](#)

Health Service Provider Events

May 4, 2011: [RGPs in Ontario 2011 Conference](#)

May 12, 2011: [Diabetes Niagara Network Education Day](#)

May 27, 2011: [Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence \(SAGE\)](#)

For more HSP events, [click here.](#)

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