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Check out upcoming events in the HNHB LHIN including the [HNHB LHIN Board of Directors business meeting on February 27, 2013](#).

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Highlights

- In her CEO Report, Donna Cripps talks about Health Links: As part of our strategic plan Health Links form a fundamental core of our future structure. Within Health Links all providers come together to provide care that focuses on the person, as opposed to the provider. All providers, then, whether LHIN funded or not, work together to ensure that populations of people, in geographic regions have access to the best care, when they need it, provided by the best provider for that care. Michael Churm has joined the LHIN team as the Health Link Implementation Lead and will be working with our health service providers (HSPs) to ensure the appropriate links are in place to keep this ball rolling.

The Hamilton Central Health Link is our early adopter Health Link. They have now met twice and are pacing well toward their submission of their Business Plan. Representatives include all LHIN providers within this geographic area, the City of Hamilton, including the CAO office, Public Health and Emergency Measures, primary care physicians from the two Family Health Teams and some non LHIN funded providers. An initial meeting was held on January 22, 2013 in Dunnville for the Haldimand County Health Link. Initial conversations have taken place in West Lincoln as well.

- Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH) brought forward a voluntary integration for mental health services, specifically the transfer of three services between the

two organizations, including the transfer of:

- The Men's Withdrawal Management Centre from HHS to SJHH;
- The paediatric component of mental health emergency services from SJHH to the existing paediatric emergency services at McMaster Children's Hospital (part of HHS); and,
- The remaining paediatric surgery (primarily Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), and also a small amount of dental) from SJHH to McMaster Children's Hospital.

These program transfers will result in better alignment of adult mental health and addictions services with SJHH and paediatric services with HHS.

- Clients of the Hamilton location of the Centre de santé communautaire are one step closer to improved access to services as the LHIN Board endorsed the programs and services component (Part A) of the Centre de santé pre-capital submission for the purchase of a new facility.
- More than \$2 million in unspent, one-time funds will be reallocated within our LHIN to support better access to care and the mental health and addictions community. This will help ensure people receive the best care, in the right place, at the right time.

Unable to attend our Board meetings? [Follow us on Twitter](#) to stay informed through live tweets!

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SHSP Direction



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The [full report](#) and [appendices](#) are available on our website but if you're looking for a quick summary that highlights the key features of the plan, check out the [SHSP Brochure](#).

NOTE: To print the SHSP Brochure, use 11" x 17" paper, print double-sided and fold in half. [Click here](#) for a printer-friendly version.

SHSP Brochure Cover



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Check out an excerpt from Donna Cripps' latest blog post and be sure to read her next post on Monday, February 4, 2013.

After indulging in so many delicious holiday treats, it's time once again that I resolve to get back on track. But saying farewell to an extra helping or just one more little chocolate isn't the only resolution I have.

As I gathered with family and friends over the holidays, I found myself relaxed and reveling in the joy of spending quality time with the people I love. I can honestly say I appreciated and enjoyed each moment together. This made me realize something important – we tend to get so busy in our personal and professional lives that we don't take the time to stop and smell the roses...to acknowledge the work we have accomplished and celebrate our successes and the positive impact they have on people's lives.

[Read the full Blog Post.](#)



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Go to www.rgpc.ca/nomination to submit your nomination online. [Click here](#) for the full SAGE Nomination form.

The Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence (SAGE) is a joint initiative of the Regional Geriatric Program



Progress Report on Action Plan for Health Care

On January 16, 2013, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care issued the following update one year after launching its [Action Plan for Health Care](#).

Ontario has delivered on many commitments laid out in the Action Plan, many of which are already benefiting Ontario patients and their families, including:

- **Specialized clinics:** Funding two new midwife-led birth centres and expanding non-profit community clinics for select procedures, starting with vision care.
- **New Physicians' Services Agreement:** Negotiated new two-year physicians' services agreement which includes support for e-consults between patients, doctors and specialists. The agreement represents a cumulative net savings over two years of approximately \$295 million in physician services savings and \$100 million in broader health system savings.
- **Community-based coordinated care:** 19 early adopter Health Links are bringing together health care providers to co-ordinate care for seniors and high-need patients.
- **Seniors Strategy:** Implementing recommendations in Dr. Samir Sinha's report to improve care for older Ontarians, such as new supports for long-term care homes and matching every senior who wants one with a primary care provider.
- **Home care for 90,000 more seniors:** Funding three million more personal support worker hours over the next three years to assist with daily activities and help seniors stay healthy at home.
- **More house calls:** 30,000 more house calls by primary care providers.
- **Hospital funding reform:** Modernizing funding in more than 100 hospitals to reflect population growth, clinical needs and ensure quality procedures.
- **Expanded services from pharmacists:** Pharmacists are now able to administer the flu shot, renew and adapt existing prescriptions and provide drugs to help patients quit smoking.
- **Integrated cancer screening:** Programs for cervical, breast and colorectal cancer are reminding Ontarians to get screened regularly.

The Action Plan sets out the next steps for transforming the province's health care system, while ensuring Ontarians get better value for their health dollars. To achieve these goals, Ontario's strategy is making health care options available closer to home, enhancing in-home supports for seniors and promoting healthy

lifestyles.

Ensuring that future generations continue to enjoy the benefits of sustainable, high-quality public health care is a key part of the McGuinty government's commitment to making Ontario the healthiest place in North America to grow up and grow old.

[Read the full media release.](#)

Upcoming Events

Community Events

Thursday, February 14, 2013

[Advance Care Planning](#)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Brantford

Saturday, February 16, 2013

[Community Wellness Fair](#)

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

Simcoe

Monday, February 18, 2013

HNHB LHIN Office Closed (Family Day)

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

[HNHB LHIN Audit Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

[HNHB LHIN Board Meeting - Education](#)

4:00 p.m.

Grimsby

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

[HNHB LHIN Board Meeting - Business](#)

4:00 p.m.

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

Health Service Provider Events

February 12, 2013: [Compassion Fatigue: When Working Hurts](#)

February 27, 2013: [Acquired Brain Injury \(ABI\) Conference 2013](#)

April 5-6, 2013: [Canadian Interventional Pain Course](#)

April 12-14, 2013: [Ontario Thoracic Cancer Conference](#)

April 24, 2013: [McMaster Day in Surgery for Family Physicians](#)

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

Feature Tweets

- @TedMcMeekin: LHIN instrumental in enhancing health care & patient satisfaction for recovery thoracic surgery, joint replacement&chronic disease #hamont
- @LoriKleinSmith: Chronic Pain Management 6 week program starts Feb 5th in Port Colborne at Bridges #CHC - a few spaces left: <http://www.bridgeschc.ca>
- RT @onthealth: Think you have the flu? Use our flu assessment tool at <http://Ontario.ca/flu> or call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000
- 'Stop and smell the roses,' and 'Be bold and take ACTION' are 2 of Donna Cripps' new year's resolutions: <http://bit.ly/ZCiZT1> 'Stop and smell the roses,' and 'Be bold and take ACTION' are 2 of Donna Cripps' news year's resolutions: <http://bit.ly/ZCiZT1>

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