

Caring Communities – Healthier People: Making a Difference

Health Check-In

January 2009

Happy New Year!!!

Wishing you health and happiness in 2009!

Seniors' Transportation Day

Getting from point A to point B can have its challenges. That's why Central LHIN brought together 29 organizations, including municipal transportation providers ([York Region Transit](#)), disease-based organizations and three other LHINs for a knowledge exchange. The goal was to share information about seniors' transportation needs and how we can better meet these needs. Stay tuned! We are expecting recommendations for a coordinated transportation delivery system.

Community Engagement: A How to Guide

Public involvement has played a key role in the evolution and operation of Canada's health system. Our Community Engagement Task Group, consisting of representatives from each of our hospitals as well as other sectors, is working to develop a framework for hospitals and other providers in our LHIN. The goal is to develop and enhance public participation in health service planning and raise awareness within the health system about community issues and concerns so that we can better address the needs of our community.

Integration Proposal Received

North York Central Meals on Wheels and Don Mills Foundation for Seniors are proposing a merger. The organizations have submitted a voluntary integration proposal that would lead to a merger under the Don Mills Foundation for Seniors effective April 1, 2009. The purpose is to strengthen service infrastructure in the eastern part of North York. Both organizations have consulted with agency staff, bargaining units, volunteers, referral sources and other funders with positive results. This integration activity will come forward to our Board for consideration at our January meeting.

2007/08 Annual Report Now Available

Learn about our accomplishments from the past year. Our *Caring Communities – Healthier People: Making a Difference* report is now available in [English](#) and [French](#).

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Health Human Resources: Our plan

Our population continues to age, grow and diversify. All of which has a dramatic impact on both the demands for healthcare services and the health sector workforce. Recognizing this, we are in the process of developing a strategic plan with a focus on:

- Understanding our current health human resource supply and the positions we need to fill
- Identifying the gap between who is providing services now and what we require in the future
- Developing strategies with a focus on recruitment and retention

It's time for a refresh: IHSP2 Coming Soon

As we begin the new year, we will start working on a new Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP) that will be completed by the fall. Aligned with provincial priorities, the IHSP reflects our priorities, strategies and proposed outcomes for a three-year period starting April 2010. As with our last plan, we will actively engage our community in developing the new plan. By understanding relationships and needs in our LHIN and by listening to our community, we will identify the important health care issues within our local health system and develop a plan to meet community needs.

Senior services agency expands outreach

[Etobicoke Services for Seniors](#) operates in four separate LHINs, the Central LHIN being its largest geographic catchment area. It offers services for seniors such as personal care, in-home respite, caregiver support, transportation and health and wellness education. Earlier this year the decision was made to focus agency resources on marginalized seniors, families and caregivers living in the Central LHIN.

Join us at our next Board meeting

January 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at [Reena](#)
927 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill.

Please note that in February the location of our board meetings will change. You can find us at [15 Allstate Parkway](#) in Suite 600.

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