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Message from Sarah Kramer, President and CEO



I am delighted to report that on January 29, 2009, our Board of Directors approved in principle, Ontario's eHealth Strategy.

This plan incorporates much of the thinking and input we have received from many of you over the years about the direction of eHealth in Ontario.

I would like to now share the Strategy with you to solicit your feedback as part of our validation process.

The Strategy covers the next three years – 2009 to 2012 – and outlines eHealth Ontario's mandate, priorities, direction, risks and roadmap. Driven and supported by the priorities of Government, the Strategy is focused on results for three clinical priorities:

- Tools to control and manage diabetes more effectively to reduce associated complications and costs;
- On-line management of prescription medications to minimize preventable adverse drug events; and
- Reduced waits in Ontario emergency departments and the incidence of inpatients in acute care settings waiting for alternative levels of care.

Each of the strategic directions will improve the quality of care received by Ontarians. The clinical benefits achieved through implementation will start to accrue to patients during the first year of the Strategy.

In keeping with our commitment to transparency and engagement, I invite you to provide your input on the Strategy. We have structured five feedback questions we would like you to respond to by February 19, 2009. Your input is vital to us.

» **Please read the Strategy and provide your feedback.**

Based on your input, we will refine the Strategy to ensure it reflects

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New Organization Structure Reflects New Strategy

To achieve the goals set out in our Strategy, eHealth Ontario has restructured to more closely align with its business objectives. New senior executive roles to lead the organization in its future direction have been created. Search processes are currently underway to fill three of these new positions, namely Senior Vice-Presidents of Operations, Strategy and Portfolio Management, and Stakeholder Management and Communications. Stay tuned for more.



» **See high level organizational chart**

eHealth Ontario's Board of Directors

Appointed by the Province's Lieutenant Governor last fall, eHealth Ontario's five-member strong starting board has leading expertise in healthcare and successful completion of large projects. Their role? To provide direction to carry out eHealth Ontario's vision of improving patient care in Ontario through the use of technology. They will also work to ensure management is implementing Ontario's eHealth Strategy – an ambitious undertaking that will require a significant mobilization of resources and partners to achieve.

the feedback we receive. The final version will be presented to our Board for approval in early March along with a report on our consultations. Once approved, we will make the final Strategy public and incorporate it into eHealth Ontario's multi-year business plan.

I hope you can take the time to help us with this exciting step for eHealth in Ontario. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



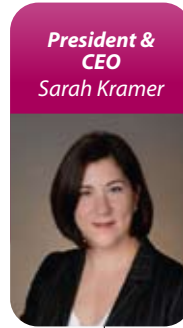
Sarah Kramer
President and CEO

Additional members are expected to be appointed soon – we will keep you updated in future issues. Who's on our Board today?

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Senior Management Team Organization Chart



SVP Strategy & Portfolio Management

*Michael Guerriere
(Acting)
Being Recruited*

Commission, oversee and conclude programs for the purposes of realizing the eHealth Ontario strategy and achieving clinical benefits

SVP Program Development & Delivery

Donna Strating

Direct the detailed definition, delivery, integration, implementation and adoption of clinically impactful eHealth programs

SVP Operations

*Donna Strating
(Acting)
Being Recruited*

Operate, maintain and enhance the organization's infrastructure assets and capabilities to enable the delivery of eHealth Ontario strategy

SVP Stakeholder Management & Communications

*Donna Kline (Acting)
Being Recruited*

Direct the strategy and management of eHealth Ontario's relations with its stakeholders by using the organization's brand and knowledge tools

SVP Corporate Services & Privacy

Allaudin Merali

Provide the strategy and delivery of eHealth Ontario's enterprise wide control, risk management and corporate services environment



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Board of Directors

Dr. Alan Hudson, Board Chair

Dr. Alan Hudson is lead Access to Services/Wait Times for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. As president and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario Dr. Hudson led the integration of 11 cancer centres with their host hospitals.

Dr. Hudson is a former president and CEO of Toronto's University Health Network. During that time, he led the integration of Princess Margaret Hospital with the Toronto Hospital, creating the University Health Network.

Dr. Hudson also served as McCutcheon chair and surgeon-in-chief at Toronto Hospital from 1989-1991. From 1970 to 1989, he was a leading neurosurgeon at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto where he co-founded a laboratory which garnered an international reputation for innovation in neurosurgery research.

J. David Livingston, Board Member

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Infrastructure Ontario, J. David Livingston oversees the crown corporation responsible for executing large-scale public infrastructure projects for the Ontario government. Livingston has 30 years of financial industry experience, where he ultimately rose to executive vice-president of corporate development at TD Bank Financial Group. At Infrastructure Ontario he has created a team of private and public experts that use innovative tools to deliver complex projects on time and on budget.

Livingston obtained his B.Sc. from the University of Western Ontario in 1973 and his MBA from Queen's University in 1976. He is a director of Ovarian Cancer Canada and The Children's Aid Society of Toronto.

Matthew Anderson, Board Member

Matthew Anderson was appointed CEO of the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network in the spring of 2008. Prior to his appointment, he led the development of Toronto Central LHIN's eHealth Strategy.

Anderson was formerly vice-president and chief information officer of the University Health Network. He has been recognized nationally as an exceptional Canadian leader who has made an outstanding difference in the advancement of eHealth.

He also previously served as chief information officer of the North York Community Care Access Centre, St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto Community Care Access Centre, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network and West Park Healthcare Centre.

Heather Sherrard, Board Member

Heather Sherrard is vice-president of clinical services at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute where she is responsible for all aspects of care by clinical staff and operating budgets of \$40 million. Sherrard has held a variety of clinical and administrative positions in the acute care hospital sector, most of which have been in the area of cardiovascular care. She has been involved with the University of Ottawa Heart Institute since 1998 first as a nursing coordinator, and then the director of nursing.

Sherrard holds two joint appointments with the University of Ottawa and is actively involved in the education of Masters students in Nursing and Health Administration. She is a member of the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing. She has worked on a number of provincial committees associated with the care of cardiac patients. She also provides consulting services to other provinces in the area of cardiac health services.

Ken Deane, Board Member

Ken Deane is Assistant Deputy Minister of the Health System Accountability and Performance Division at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Prior to this, he was chief operating officer of the London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario. Deane has also served as president and CEO of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto, president and CEO of Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor, vice-president of finance and chief financial officer of Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, and executive vice-president and chief financial officer of Grand River Hospital in Kitchener.

He has served on various boards, most recently on the board of directors of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board where he was the chair of the human resources and compensation committee.