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Message from Sarah Kramer, President and CEO

Ontario's recently released eHealth Strategy, paves the way for us to move forward together. By reducing emergency room wait times, reducing medication errors and ensuring diabetic patients get the best possible information to manage their care; we can make a real difference in the lives of patients and families in Ontario.



This Strategy represents the voices of practitioners, customers, employees, government and healthcare leaders from across the province. I want to thank each and every one of you who wrote, e-mailed, met with and contacted us to provide input.

The input we received from hundreds of individuals and teams has been summarized into a report which is now available online along with the Strategy.

I am excited about this new beginning. With your support, we can achieve the ambitious priorities set out in the Strategy.

Sarah Kramer
President and CEO

Another First – An Important Step towards Improving Care for Diabetics

**Request for Expressions of Interest
Issued for Provincial Diabetes Registry**

Working with Infrastructure Ontario, we have recently invited companies to submit Expressions of Interest to develop a chronic disease management system that will initially be used to establish the Diabetes Registry.



Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation dedicated to managing

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eHealth Program Transfer

On April 1, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's eHealth Program will transfer to eHealth Ontario. The process of integration will be phased in over a number of weeks.



This transfer means that eHealth Ontario becomes the single point of accountability for eHealth in the province. In fulfilling this role, we will work closely with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) as they continue to act as stewards for policy, standards and financial management of government funds. The MOHLTC also continues to liaise with stakeholders such as Health Canada and the Auditor General, and be our liaison with government for funding submissions and reporting.

This transfer is a key milestone for eHealth Ontario – we are now aligned to meet our new mandate and deliver on our leadership and delivery roles as set out in Ontario's eHealth Strategy.

Our Board of Directors

We began with five members on our Board in September 2008 and we now have 12 prominent members who will lead and guide our work.

some of the province's larger and more complex infrastructure renewal projects - ensuring they are delivered on time and on budget.

The Diabetes Registry will help people with diabetes manage their care by providing them with up to date information and educational tools electronically. Physicians will use the registry to check patient status, access lab results and send patient alerts.

The RFEI will identify companies with an interest and capability to design, develop, finance and maintain a chronic disease management system.

Interested companies were invited to make submissions until March 26, 2009.

Together with Infrastructure Ontario, we will review the RFEI submissions. The procurement process will begin in summer 2009 to select a team with the experience and qualified personnel to deliver the Diabetes Registry.

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The following 10 members have been appointed:

- Dr. Alan Hudson, Board Chair
- Matthew Anderson
- Khalil E. Barsoum
- Ken Deane
- Michael B. Decter
- Sarah Kramer
- Lisa R. Lifshitz
- J. David Livingston
- Heather Sherrard
- Geoff Smith

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Appointments for the following two members are currently underway.

- **Matthew Barrett**,
Former Chair, Barclays Bank
- **Carol Stephenson**,
Dean, Richard Ivey School of
Business



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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.

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.

Khalil E. Barsoum, Board Member

Khalil E. Barsoum spent much of his career as an executive at IBM, where he held senior management positions including CFO of IBM Canada and the IBM Consulting Group, Chairman

and CEO of IBM Canada Limited, Chairman and CEO of IBUK Holdings, and General Manager of IBM's Communications Sector. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Odyssey Financial Technologies, Coventree Capital Group, xkoto Inc. and Coradiant.

A graduate of École Polytechnique of Montreal, Barsoum was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Montreal in June 2005.

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.

Michael B. Decter, Board Member

As a senior manager in the public sector, Michael Decter served as Deputy Minister of Health for Ontario with responsibility for the management of the Ontario health system serving all residents of the province. He also served as Cabinet Secretary in the Government of Manitoba.

Decter is a Harvard trained economist. He serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the investment management firm, LDIC Inc. He is the Chair of the Ontario Cancer Quality Council and the Wait Times Data Certification Council of Ontario. He is also a Board member of Border Crossings and the Walrus Foundation, and has authored three books about healthcare in Canada. He was awarded The Order of Canada in 2004.

Sarah Kramer, Board Member

Sarah Kramer is President and Chief Executive Officer of eHealth Ontario. Prior to this she served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Cancer Care Ontario. In addition, she led the development and implementation of the information infrastructure to support Ontario's Wait Time Strategy, including the establishment of the province-wide e-health application – the Wait Times Information System (WTIS) – and the Provincial Client Registry. WTIS is now being used by 2,500 physicians and has contributed to improving access to care for one million patients per year.

Kramer is a leading senior healthcare executive who has served in high level positions for the Nova Scotia and Ontario governments and in healthcare organizations in Ontario.

Lisa R. Lifshitz, Board Member

Lisa R. Lifshitz is a partner at Gowlings LLP and a member of the firm's Technology Industry Practice Group where she specializes in the areas of information technology and business law.

For the past three years, Lexpert (annual Canadian legal directory) has named Lifshitz as a "leading lawyer" in the Computer and IT Law field. She has also been named a "leading lawyer" in the Technology Law field. Lifshitz is currently a director and treasurer of the Canadian IT Law Association; Vice Chair, Subcommittees, of the Cyberspace Law Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association; and a member of the editorial advisory board of e-

Commerce Law & Strategy, a U.S.-based publication focusing on technology law issues.

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.

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.

Geoff Smith, Board Member

Biography will be posted shortly