

# LHIN Collaborative (LHINC)

## Communiqué

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### INTRODUCTION

This communiqué is the first in a series to be distributed to LHIN stakeholders regarding the implementation of the LHIN Collaborative (LHINC). In the interests of open and transparent communications, we invite you to share this communiqué broadly with individuals, health service providers and associations.

### WHAT IS LHINC?

LHINC is a new organization formed to strengthen relationships between and among health service providers, associations and the LHINs, and to support system alignment. LHINC will be a LHIN-led organization and accountable to the LHINs.

The purpose of LHINC will be to support the LHINs in:

- Fostering engagement of the health service provider community in support of collaborative and successful integration of the health care system;
- Their role as system manager;
- Where appropriate, the consistent implementation of provincial strategy and initiatives;
- The identification and dissemination of best practices.

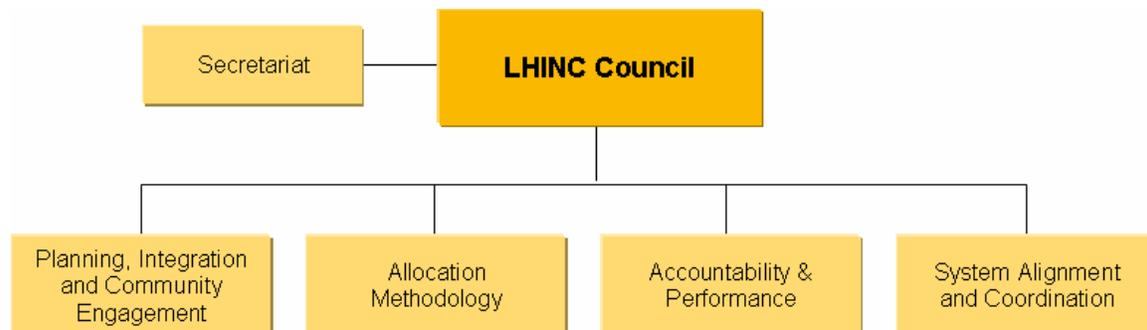
### *Spirit and Intent of the New Organization*

The spirit and intent of this new organization is one that builds on past work and looks forward into the future to provide advice to the LHINs in support of the LHIN mandate and transformation of the broader health system.

LHINC will:

- Bring people together to share, learn, and collaborate on important issues that have an impact on the transformation and integration of the health system;
- Work innovatively and take advantage of new and existing resources, including technology, to work differently;
- Work collaboratively on health policy, accountability, funding, health informatics, integration and performance in the interests of reform of Ontario's health care system.

### HOW WILL LHINC OPERATE TO CREATE VALUE?



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LHINC will be lead by a council whose role will be to set priorities for the organization and to recruit and monitor the performance of the executive director. Membership on the council will include LHIN management, members of provincial associations within the LHIN mandate, as well as representation from public health and primary care.

The executive director will report to the chair of the LHINC Council. LHINC will be supported by a secretariat whose role will be to provide:

- Project management support (work plans, project charters and contract coordination).
- Coordination and administrative support for LHINC committees;
- Support for communications to LHINs, system stakeholders and the ministry.
- Analysis, research and coordination.

### ***Funding***

The new organization will be funded by the LHINs with support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. This model will be revisited during the first year of operation and financial contributions by provincial associations will be explored.

### **WHO IS LEADING THE IMPLEMENTATION?**

Barry Monaghan has been appointed Interim Leader of LHINC. Barry has been working through the LHINC Steering Committee which is providing interim governance oversight until the LHINC Council, staff and committee structure are in place. Membership on the LHINC Steering Committee includes:

<b>LHIN Representatives</b>	<b>MOHLTC Representatives</b>
Bill MacLeod (Co Chair), CEO, Mississauga Halton LHIN	Ken Deane (Co Chair), ADM, Health System Accountability and Performance Division
Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN	John McKinley, ADM, Health System Information Management and Investment Division
Deb Hammons, CEO Central East LHIN	
Matthew Anderson, CEO, Toronto Central LHIN	

The search for a permanent leader has been initiated. It is anticipated that a successful candidate will be in place by July 2009.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Recruiting members of LHINC Council will begin immediately. Provincial associations will be receiving additional information regarding the recruitment process before the end of April.

In the meantime, the LHINC Implementation Team will be supporting the following initiatives:

- Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA) development;
- Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (HSAA) development.

### **WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

Barry has assembled a small team to assist him in his work. On an interim basis the LHINC Implementation Team will be located on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor, 1075 Bay Street.

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