

LHIN Collaborative (LHINC)

Communiqué

July 2009

INTRODUCTION

This communiqué is the second 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.

LHINC STAFF

Our last communiqué indicated that efforts were underway to recruit a permanent leader for LHINC. We are pleased to announce the appointment of three individuals into important LHINC positions.

Executive Director

Mario Tino has been selected as full-time executive director (ED). Mario holds a MHS degree in health administration from the University of Toronto and has more than twenty years of experience in Ontario's health sector. For the last nine years he managed his own consulting firm where his practice focused on health sector change initiatives. Prior to entering the consulting field, Mario was a senior consultant with Ontario's Health Services Restructuring Commission. Mario has also held progressively senior management positions in Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care where he led several departments and programs. Mario's start date is July 13th, 2009.

Team Lead

Liane Fernandes has been selected as full-time Team Lead. Liane holds a MHS degree in health administration from the University of Toronto and has over fifteen years of experience in the health sector including planning, administration, training and development, and clinical service. Since starting with LHINC on June 15th, Liane has been supporting the development of the Hospital Accountability Planning Submission (HAPS). Over the summer Liane's responsibilities will expand as the LHINC Implementation Team is phased out and permanent staff takes over overall coordination and support of LHINC activities.

Administrative Assistant

Silvia Puentes will be joining the team to provide administrative support on a part-time basis. Silvia has broad experience in an office environment including at the executive level. Silvia's start date is July 6th, 2009.

LHINC LOCATION

Starting July 1st, 2009 LHINC will be co-located with the LHIN Shared Services Office (LSSO) at 120 Eglinton Avenue, East, Suite 500. Mario, Liane and Silvia can be reached as follows:

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LHINC COUNCIL

Work is underway to recruit members for the LHINC Council. The role of the LHINC Council 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 cancer care, public health and primary care.

Inaugural membership on the council will be carried out in two steps. This two step process is intended to approximate the future nomination and replacement process, whereby LHINC Council members participate in membership selection. The initial two step process is as follows:

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First, members from those health sectors with only one association/agency have been asked to nominate 3 potential members for council. LHIN members of the LHINC Steering Committee will review the list of potential members and select one to represent each sector. Selection will be based on experience in the health system, geographic location within the province and gender balance.

Second, members from those health sectors with more than one association/agency have been asked to nominate 3 potential members for the LHINC Council. These nominations are by sector, not by association/agency. LHIN members of the LHINC Steering Committee as well as new LHINC Council members from step one above will review the list of nominees and select one to represent each remaining sector. Again selection will be based on experience in the health system, geographic location with the province and gender balance.

Following is a list of associations/agencies and the sector that they represent.

Sector	Association/Agency
Community Care Access Centres	Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC)
Community Health Centres	Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC)
Community Support Service Organizations	Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA)
Hospitals	Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)
Long Term Care	Ontario Long-Term Care Association (OLTCA) Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS)
Mental Health and Addictions	Canadian Mental Health Association , Ontario (CMHA-Ontario) Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addiction Programs
OTHER	
Cancer Care	Cancer Care Ontario (CCO)
Primary Care	College of Family Physicians of Ontario Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
Public Health	Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHA) Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)

LHINC Council will be holding its first meeting at the end of August, 2009.

There will be many opportunities for health sector associations and health service providers to participate in the work of LHINC. We will be communicating to the field in the fall regarding LHINC's committee structure and additional opportunities for participation.

CONSISTENCY WORKSHOP

On March 30-31, 2009, the chairs of the boards and the CEOs of the 14 LHINs, provincial thought leaders, and representatives of health service organisations and the ministry participated in a workshop on consistency in the health system. The objectives of the workshop included:

- To identify top areas for LHIN consistency and any areas where variability may be preferred; and
- To identify the structures and supports needed for LHINs to successfully implement consistency.

The results of the workshop were assembled as proceedings and are attached for your reference.

LHINC SUPPORT

The LHINC Implementation Team is continuing to support the following initiatives:

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- Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) development;
- Long-Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission (LAPS) development;
- Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) development;
- Hospital Accountability Planning Submission (HAPS) development;
- H-SAA indicator selection.

NEXT STEPS

Over the summer months the LHINC Implementation Team will be winding down and permanent staff will be stepping in to support LHINC activities. The team will be very busy supporting the accountability agreement development processes that are already underway, and as well preparing for the first LHINC Council meeting.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Mario will succeed Barry Monaghan, who has been acting as our interim leader on a part-time basis. We would like to thank Barry for his significant contributions in these early stages of LHINC's implementation.

Barry will remain in the interim position until July 10th, 2009. Therefore, for further information please contact: Barry Monaghan (Barry.J.Monaghan@ontario.ca) until July 10th, 2009 or Mario Tino (mario.tino@LHINS.ON.CA) starting July 13th, 2009.