

September 10, 2008

To: Central LHIN Health Service Provider Chairs and Executive Directors

From: Ken Morrison, Chair, Project Steering Committee and Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Central LHIN

**Re: Local Health Integration Network/Health Service Provider Governance Resource and
Toolkit for Voluntary Integration Initiatives**

The Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) announces the release of the Local Health Integration Network/Health Service Provider Governance Resource and Toolkit for Voluntary Integration Initiatives which is now available on the Central LHIN website at:
<http://www.centrallhin.on.ca/>.

The toolkit is currently being translated to French. A knowledge transfer slide deck is also being developed. You will be notified when these items will be made available.

The toolkit was developed through a joint initiative of five Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), associations representing the health service providers funded through the LHINs, and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The project was initiated in November 2007, in response to early consultations between the LHINs and health service providers regarding the provisions for voluntary integration in the Local Health Systems Integration Act, 2006.

The Act places an obligation on LHINs and on health service providers to identify opportunities to integrate services, which captures a broad range of activities including coordination, partnering with others, and transferring, merging or amalgamating services.

The purpose of the toolkit is to:

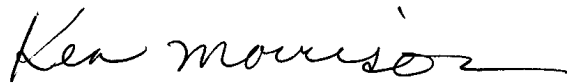
- Assist health service provider boards to understand evolving LHIN practices, processes and expectations arising from interpretations and applications of the act as illustrated by the experience of the participating LHINs;

- Support health service provider boards in understanding their respective roles and responsibilities in providing appropriate leadership to their organizations and in developing strategies to work with one another and with the LHIN Boards on voluntary integration initiatives

The sponsoring LHINs included Central East, Central West, South East, Erie St. Clair and Central, with supporting input and participation by several other LHINs throughout the province. Health service providers were represented by the Ontario Health Providers Alliance (OHPA) and the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC).

A Project Steering Committee was created from the participating organizations, and a consulting team comprising Maureen Quigley of Maureen Quigley and Associates Inc., Lydia Wakulowsky of the law firm McMillan LLP, and Graham Scott of Graham Scott Strategies Inc.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ken Morrison
Chairman of the Board of Directors
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