

South West LHIN Board of Directors

Highlights – February 2009

The South West LHIN Board of Directors met twice during the month of February. The Committee of the Whole met on February 11th, 2009 and the Board of Directors' meeting was held on February 25th, 2009. Both meetings were held at the South West Local Health Integration Network office in London.

Sandra Coleman, Executive Director of the South West Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) attended the Committee of the Whole meeting with members of the South West CCAC Board of Directors and they provided an informative presentation which was well received.

The Board to Board Engagement Session held prior to the Board of Directors' meeting was attended by approximately 12 people. There was very good discussion following the Board presentation about topics of interest including:

- Alternate Level of Care (ALC) issues and interim care beds
- Suggestions for improved communications by the LHIN with stakeholders
- Pressures recognized by small organizations due to LHIN/Ministry expectations
- Accountability agreements and board liability for health service providers
- Sharing of HealthForce Ontario initiatives that have been positive for Elgin County homes
- South West LHIN Blueprint Project

Meeting highlights include:

- Further information and recommendation for reconsideration of the Board's prior endorsement of the LHIN Collaborative Structures.
- Approval of reallocation of funding to Community Support Services.
- Approval for funding reallocation to support one-time minor infrastructure items for community sector health service providers.
- Approval of surplus funds to support 2008/09 Community Care one-time information management initiatives.
- Support to Wingham and District Hospital for Phase 1 of their capital project.
- Support for the South Bruce Grey Health Centre proposal for the Family Health Team addition, Walkerton Site.
- Support to the Business Case for the South West LHIN Integrated Supply Chain Implementation Analysis submitted by the 19 hospital corporations in the LHIN to the Ministry of Finance (OntarioBuys).
- Discussion about priority setting.
- Review and input of the proposed draft Governance Reference Group Terms of Reference.

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Information received included:

- Information/Status Updates from the Board Chair, Board Members and Senior Leadership Team.
- Aging At Home Year Two Detailed Plan submitted to the Ministry.
- An update about the Physician e-Health Initiative.
- Written updates from the South West LHIN Leads:
 - e-Health (Diane Beattie)
 - Critical Care (Dr. Michael Sharpe)
 - Emergency Department (Dr. Lisa Shepherd).
- Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) review and approval process.
- Board communication tools and strategies.

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Next Meeting - Committee of the Whole on March 11th, 2009 at the South West LHIN