

South West LHIN Board of Directors

Meeting Highlights – March 2009

The South West LHIN Board of Directors held two meetings during the month of March. The Committee of the Whole met on March 11th, 2009 at the South West LHIN Office in London, and the Board of Directors' meeting was held in Wingham on March 25th, 2009 at the North Huron Museum.

The Board to Board Engagement Session held prior to the Board of Directors' meeting in Wingham was attended by approximately 14 people. Following a Board presentation, there was discussion about topics of interest including:

- The importance of rural health care issues
- Shortages of health human resources and associated recruitment challenges
- Caring for unattached patients with complex problems
- Innovative care models and Family Health Teams

Meeting highlights include:

- Approval of the South West LHIN Board to Board Reference Group Terms of Reference.
- Approval of the submission of the 2009/10 Wait Time Strategy Allocation Plans to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for final approval.
- Receipt of the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital External Review Final Report.
- Approval for the provision of a \$2 million cash advance to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital at the beginning of the 2009/2010 fiscal year, to be recovered at the end of the 2009/2010 fiscal year for assistance with cash flow while costs saving measures are being implemented.
- Approval of the 2009/2011 Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreements, effective April 1, 2009 for 88 community health service providers.

Information received included:

- Updates from the Board Chair and Board Members regarding engagement activities with Health Service Providers, Health Service Provider Boards and MPPs.
- The Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) capital allocation for hospitals across the South West LHIN of \$5,003,317 for the fiscal year 2008/2009.
- Highlights from a meeting in February of the South West LHIN with the Hospital Chief Executive Officers and Community Care Access Centre Executive Director.
- A Chronic Disease Prevention and Management update related to the Diabetes Strategy.
- Update on rural health care initiatives.
- Status of MPP engagement activities, including a meeting in Toronto with all MPPs on April 27th, 2009.
- Update on the three developing residential hospices in the South West LHIN.

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****Next Meetings - Committee of the Whole – April 8th & Board of Directors – April 29th, 2009****
South West LHIN Office, London