

## South West Local Health Integration Network Board of Directors

### Meeting Highlights - September 2009

The South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board Committee met in Seaforth on September 9, 2009 and the Board of Directors meeting was held on September 23, 2009 in London.

A Board to Board Engagement Session was held prior to the Board Committee meeting. Following a South West LHIN Board presentation, there was discussion about topics of interest including:

- Funding challenges for smaller organizations that rely on fundraising dollars to operate.
- Importance of communication and community engagement in rural communities when planning for service changes.
- “Share the Care” program funded through Aging at Home Strategy.
- Budget planning challenges in the absence of confirmed funding planning targets.

#### Meeting highlights:

- Receipt of the Nominating Committee Report.
- Approval of the 2010/11 Aging at Home approach recognizing that staff will ensure alignment to the provincial guidelines once available.
- Recommendation to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for allocation of operational funding for five Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit beds to Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (3) and Grey Bruce Health Services, Owen Sound site (2) and that the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital is well positioned, with a strong perinatal program supported by well trained nursing, obstetric and paediatric staff to increase regional Level II capacity within the south area of the South West LHIN if future operational and capital funding is available for further expansion of Level II NICU capacity.
- Adoption of the Board Committee Terms of Reference.
- Approval in principle of the South West LHIN Governance Policy Manual.
- Approval of the Central Community Health Centre Pre-Operational Plan submission.

Information received includes:

- Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy.
- Board Chair and Board member updates.
- Further information and clarification about the LHIN Collaborative Structures Initiative.
- Quarterly ER/ALC Stocktake Report.
- eHealth update.

***Reminder to Health Service Provider Boards:***

The South West LHIN Board of Directors continues to host Board to Board Engagement sessions prior to monthly Board Committee meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in communities throughout the LHIN. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday October 14, 2009 in Markdale. Please contact Sue Davey, Corporate Coordinator if you require further information or would like to register for this session.

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Next Meetings:

***\*\*Board Committee (October 14<sup>th</sup> – Markdale)/Board of Directors (October 28<sup>th</sup> – London)\*\****

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