

Fact Sheet – Board-to-Board Reference Groups

The South West LHIN is dedicated to advancing system improvements that will result in high quality patient-first care. Integration and coordination means listening effectively, breaking down silos and building a cohesive system that enables healthcare professionals and other partners to work as a team with patients and families to provide the right care, at the right time, at the right place for good value.

The Board-to-Board Reference Groups are needed to help the South West LHIN achieve its ambitious goals in the five sub-regions. Collaborative governance is essential to achieving this ambitious system transformation by supporting the shift to an integrated delivery system within each of the five sub-regions. To do this right and help to make this shift, we are looking for current board members from all health care sectors, including primary care and public health, to come together within each sub-region to provide strong governance leadership and enable effective governance engagement across each sub-region.

Eligibility

We are looking for applicants that are existing Board members within health service provider and partner organizations, including: Community Support Services, Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Community Health Centres, Hospitals, Long-Term Care Homes, Primary Care, Public Health, and Residential Hospice. Board members from organizations outside the South West LHIN, but who serve residents within the South West LHIN region, may also apply. Although members will not be representing their specific organization at the Board-to-Board Reference Groups, it is expected that anyone submitting an Expression of Interest will be doing so with the support of the Board that they are currently a part of.

Who are we looking for?

We need strong board leadership to drive real change. If you like to meet fellow governors in your area, and share local challenges and opportunities, please read on. You are an ideal candidate if you have:

- The courage to explore and innovate
- A belief in continuous improvement
- The willingness to evolve
- A commitment to collaboration
- The discipline to demand high quality
- A focus on ensuring value for money

Why you?

If you can see the benefits of local integration and meet the requirements above, you should seriously consider this unique opportunity to understand local challenges from many perspectives, define local priorities, shape messaging and influence change. The information you will learn about LHIN priorities and objectives will help you become a South West LHIN subject matter expert for your various roles and help you see the connections that will lead to needed health system transformation. You will have an opportunity to engage governance colleagues across your sub-region in a transformative change agenda.

How do the Sub-region Board-to-Board Reference Groups differ from the Sub-region Integration Tables?

Reference Group membership is comprised of current board members from health service provider and partner organizations to facilitate broader board and community engagement. Integration Table membership is comprised of staff leadership from health service provider and partner organizations along with patient/family/caregiver partners to identify, plan, and make recommendations for local priorities to improve health, wellness, patient experience, and outcomes.

Reference Groups and Integration Tables will be available to each other as needed.

What is the relationship between the Sub-region Board-to-Board Reference Group and the LHIN-wide Board-to-Board Reference Group?

The LHIN-wide Board-to-Board Reference Group established in 2011 will continue to function as before but now with the benefit of input from the new Sub-region Groups as at least one member from each Sub-region Group will be appointed to the LHIN-wide Board-to-Board Reference Group.

Time commitment

We estimate the Board-to-Board Reference Groups will meet a minimum of twice per year, probably in the spring and fall. As a team, you will establish a schedule that suits your local needs and opportunities.

What other candidates say

- *The more we understand each other, and work together, the stronger our health care system will be.*
- *Board engagement is necessary if better integration is to be designed and implemented.*
- *I want to be part of a coordinated, well-governed healthcare system.*
- *I want to give meaningful reporting back to my board that helps shape organizational strategy.*
- *I want to seek out new network partners that will strengthen and add value to the local system.*