

## Chair's Report

February 16th, 2010

### **Community Nominations:**

The current round of interviews and recommendations to the Public Appointments Secretariat has been completed. Following up on the Board's support for the candidates put forward by our Community Nominations Committee, the Secretariat and the Minister have been notified by letter. Staff from the Secretariat appeared anxious to receive our recommendations and I hope that this signals that pending and new appointments through the OIC process will be expedited. In my absence, again I appreciate the diligence and effort of the Chair of our Committee, Jean Achmatowicz, as well as the support of the staff. Additionally, we have offered a critique and suggestions to the Secretariat for improvement of the process in the future.

### **LHIN Guide to Good Governance Manual:**

Some of you may recall that part of the Effectiveness Review recommended that an external, experienced facilitator be hired to not only support the implementation of the Guide to Good Governance but to also to ensure its application in a consistent manner across the 14 LHINs. The Guide, itself, of course, was a by-product and deliverable of the KPMG work from the Effectiveness Review.

The Bay Consulting Group will be visiting each LHIN Board. An assessment of where the Board is relative to the LHIN Guide will be done and an action plan will be developed so as to achieve full implementation of the Guide. I expect to be contacted shortly by the working group that Bay Consulting has put together as part of the project work plan.

In correspondence from Ken Deane he also makes mention of the planning for a Governance Summit tentatively set for May 2010.

Mr. Deane states that the objective "is to ensure that the LHIN Boards operate on a solid foundation of leading governance practices."

Hopefully, this process can build on our session in January with KPMG that focussed on how we can build and maintain a strategic level of governance.

### **PRHC Peer Review:**

Although the finalization of the Peer Review Team took a couple of weeks longer than anticipated, it has now commenced its work coincident with the arrival of the new CEO at PRHC on February 1<sup>st</sup>. No meeting of the Steering Committee has yet been arranged but will be set once the Team has had a chance to assess the situation at the Hospital.

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In order to maintain an arms-length relationship to the Review, communications from media have been channelled through the Team lead, Mr. Carriere.

**French Language Services:**

Further to my reference last month the GTA LHINs will be meeting with the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner in the person of Mr. Francois Boileau. This meeting has been set for February 25<sup>th</sup>. This will give us an opportunity to hear from him about how he will expect us to meet the Regulations pertaining to French language service requirements arising from sections in LHSIA which have now been proclaimed.

**Public Sector Expenses Review Act:**

The Minister has written to all LHIN Board Chairs to ask for the support of all LHINs as the Government moves forward with steps that assure accountability and maintains public confidence. Although the LHINs are not named as “entities” within the Public Sector Expenses Review Act, her expectation is that we should hold ourselves to comparable standards. In particular, the government directives addressing Transfer Payment Accountability, Procurement, and Travel, Meal, & Hospitality Expenses must be taken seriously and followed. We will be taking another look at our practices, including possible reimbursement of inappropriate expenses, as part of our response in preparation for our first declaration of compliance in April.

**LHIN Chairs’ one-day Retreat:**

As I reported last month the Chairs of the LHINs plan to meet tomorrow (February 17<sup>th</sup>) to examine internal organizational issues including succession of the Chair of the group. The collective purpose of the Chairs Group may have become somewhat obscured over the past eighteen months, so part of the day will be devoted to re-examining the role, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the Group. Since there are some new Chairs that have been appointed over the months, and since others will have their term ending in little over a year, it is a good opportunity to review and affirm the key tasks of the group moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,



Foster Loucks, Chair