

SCARBOROUGH WEST DURHAM EXPERT PANEL WORK BEGINS **Local Scarborough resident becomes eighth member**

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The expert panel tasked with developing a plan for the provision of acute services in the Scarborough/West Durham region has begun its work, and will soon begin holding a series of meetings with representatives from The Scarborough Hospital (TSH), Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS), Lakeridge Health and other health service provider organizations.

The eighth and final member of the Panel has been appointed. Raymond Chung, co-founder of Hong Fook Mental Health Association and a Scarborough resident since 1976, accepted the Central East LHIN's invitation to be the Scarborough community representative.

The work of the Panel is supported by a documented Terms of Reference which lays out four goals: recommending a process for the development of a master plan for the Scarborough/West Durham region; identifying areas where patients can benefit through better integration of services; recommending implementation plans, and identifying how administrative and support services can be better utilized. The plan will articulate the vision for the hospitals' strategic operations, programs/services and operational models, and capital infrastructure under an integrated system.

Dr. Barry McLellan, Chair of the Panel is now working with the Panel members to develop an accessible community engagement process that will build on feedback already provided by physicians, front line staff, volunteers, community groups, community leaders, local residents and other health and social service partners during the LHIN-facilitated "Leading for Patients" integration initiative between TSH and RVHS.

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"The Panel welcomes Raymond Chung and looks forward to his contributions not only as a former member of the health sector, but especially as a resident of Scarborough. Work is well underway and we are gearing up for local meetings with the three hospitals and relevant partners." - Dr. Barry McLellan, Chair, Scarborough/West Durham Panel

"The LHIN welcomes the support of the Panel in enhancing and expanding on integration activities already identified at The Scarborough Hospital, Rouge Valley Health System and Lakeridge Health and reviewing the infrastructure needs for the delivery of patient care for the residents of Scarborough and West Durham." - Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- TSH delivers care at two hospital campuses (Birchmount and General) and five satellite sites in Scarborough. TSH is a regional centre for dialysis and is renowned for its mental health, orthopaedic surgery, maternal newborn and paediatrics, chronic disease prevention and management, and cancer care programs. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, TSH is also a referral centre for vascular surgery, pacemakers and cataract surgery.
- RVHS is an acute care community hospital with many programs, including 24/7/365 emergency, advanced (level 2C) maternal and neonatal care in a state-of-the art birthing centre, extensive specialized paediatric services, surgery, mental health and regional cardiac care. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, Rouge Valley consists of several healthcare sites, including two community hospital campuses: Rouge Valley Centenary in Scarborough; and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering in west Durham.

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