

New Patient and Family Advisory Committee Established Community members to provide system-perspective

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) is pleased to announce the establishment of the new Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC). After an excellent response to a call for committee members, seven individuals have been invited to join the committee as inaugural members.

Since its inception, the Central East LHIN has recognized the value of listening to the voice of patients and their family/caregivers. The establishment of this committee will support the Central East LHIN to continue to take action on the lived experiences of the patients and caregivers in our communities in a more proactive and structured manner.

The Central East LHIN PFAC will both advise and collaborate with the Central East LHIN, its leaders, health service providers and staff regarding system-level policies, practices, strategies, planning and delivery of patient and family-centred care within the Central East LHIN region.

The inaugural members of the new Central East LHIN PFAC have been patients, or caregivers of patients in the Central East LHIN and reflect the diversity of the people and communities within the LHIN.

- Randy Filinski – Pickering
- Mieko Ise – Toronto
- Audrey Kewaquom-Caskanette – Norwood
- Craig Lindsay – Toronto
- Patricia Teskey – Lindsay
- Kerriane Thompson – Whitby
- Anne-Marie Yaraskavitch – Whitby

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“We are delighted at the response we received to our call for membership of the Patient and Family Advisory Committee. The level of enthusiasm and experience that has been brought together to create this committee is outstanding and we look forward to working with the inaugural members as we make changes that will lead to improved patient and health system outcomes.”

- Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

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