



Central East

LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

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CE LHIN MOVING AHEAD TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Community residents and health care stakeholders invited to event to hear about expectations for the future

The Central East LHIN is inviting community residents and health care stakeholders from across Scarborough, Durham Region, Northumberland/Havelock, Peterborough City and County, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton/Minden to a series of events being held during a three day “Planning to Action” Symposium - June 5th, 6th and 7th - at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), 2000 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa.

“The level of support that we received during the development of the Central East LHIN’s Integrated Health Service Plan was outstanding,” said Foster Loucks, Chair of the Central East LHIN Board of Directors. “As we take on our full planning, integration and funding role for improving the local public health care system, we have a responsibility to come back to the community and update them on how the plan will be turned into reality by sharing our new expectations for the future.”

The general public, community leaders, health service providers, their board members, staff, volunteers and physicians and the hundreds of volunteers who are members of CE LHIN Networks, Collaboratives and Task Groups are all invited to attend the symposium's Opening Night Networking Reception on Tuesday, June 5th which is being hosted by the Board of the Central East LHIN. The event runs from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Marketplace of the Gordon Willey Building of UOIT, 2000 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa and will include a formal presentation at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting Karen O'Brien-Monaghan at 905-427-5497/1-866-804-5446 ext. 212 or karen.obrienmonaghan@lhins.on.ca.

The CE LHIN will also be inviting health service providers including hospitals, long term care facilities, the Central East Community Care Access Centre, community support services, community health centres and mental health and addiction services to have information displays at the June 5th event so that community residents have a better idea of the many services available to themselves and their families.

Since the spring of 2006, hundreds of interested individuals and community groups have become members of the CE LHIN's three Clinical Networks which includes the Seamless Care for Seniors Network; the Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Network; and the Mental Health and Addictions Network. In addition, health care providers, business and community leaders are participating in nine geographically based advisory teams or collaboratives and the CE LHIN is just finalizing the membership on six action oriented Task Groups. Together these Networks, Collaboratives and Task Groups are working with the LHIN to begin to implement the actions contained in the IHSP and will be attending pre-registered work shops and meetings on June 6th and 7th. Information on these teams is available on the Central East LHIN website at www.centraleastlhin.on.ca.

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The Central East LHIN, which recently released its first Integrated Health Service Plan, is one of 14 not-for-profit organizations, created by the provincial government to be responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services - hospitals, long term care facilities, community care access centres, community health centres, community support services and mental health and addictions agencies.

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