



Local Community Health Centres moving forward with future vision LHIN receipt of Directional Plan starts next phase of process

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Two local Community Health Centres - The Youth Centre (TYC) and the Oshawa Community Health Centre (OCHC) – will enter into the next phase of integration planning now that the Board of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has endorsed their Directional Plan. The Plan, which was approved by both CHC Boards on July 15th, shows that the organizations agree, in principle, to come together to form a single Community Health Centre.

With the Central East LHIN Board's receipt of the Plan, the two organizations will now proceed with further planning that will include due diligence and robust stakeholder engagement.

In April, the Board of the Central East LHIN directed the organizations to work together to develop the Directional Plan after recognizing their willingness to continue discussing integration opportunities. Previously The Youth Centre and the Oshawa Community Health Centre had been part of a larger Community Health Service Integration Strategy that included ten agencies in Durham Region.

The TYC and OCHC Boards established a Joint Integration Working Group to develop the Directional Plan and central to their vision is a shared commitment to the Community Health Centre model of care.

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On behalf of the Board of the Central East LHIN, I would like to congratulate the Boards of The Youth Centre and the Oshawa Community Health Centre for collaborating on the development of the Directional Plan and for taking the bold steps needed to ensure that we can create an integrated sustainable healthcare system that ensures better health, better care and better value for money.

- Wayne Gladstone , Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors

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This is another excellent example of the type of leadership being shown by volunteer boards and staff in our local health care agencies as we continue to transform the system to be more focused on care in the community. Community Health Centres are an integral part of that system and play a vital role in meeting the needs of youth and at-risk populations.

- Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax Pickering

As we move forward with the next phases of planning, we will continue to be guided by a focus on best meeting the community health needs of our clients in the communities we serve, and we are committed to ensuring that youth services continue to be a strong part of the new vision.

- Samantha Brighton, Chair, The Youth Centre Board of Directors

We are pleased that the Board of the Central East LHIN has agreed with our future vision of a single Community Health Centre. This integration provides the opportunity to enhance the range and quality of primary health care and health promotion programs to meet the emerging needs of our clients and communities.

- Tom Wise, Chair, Oshawa Community Health Centre Board of Directors

QUICK FACTS

- [The Youth Centre](#) provides services for youth and young adults living in Ajax and Pickering.
- [The Oshawa Community Health Centre](#) is responsive to the health needs as defined by its Oshawa community.
- As Community Health Centres, both of these non-profit organizations provide primary health and health promotion programs for individuals, families and communities to strengthen their capacity to take more responsibility for their health and wellbeing.

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To download a copy of “The Youth Centre and Oshawa Community Health Centre Directional Plan”, please click [HERE](#).

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