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CENTRAL EAST LHIN BOARD LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN BOARD COMMITTEE

Two non-directors to help recruit future board members

The Central East LHIN Board of Directors is looking for two volunteers to join its Community Nominations Committee as it begins to create a pool of candidates to fill future board member vacancies.

These volunteers, with skills in a variety of areas including accounting, law, human resources or labour relations, will sit on the Community Nominations Committee as non-directors, and will help in creating a pool of candidates to serve on the Central East LHIN Board.

At the present time hundreds of volunteers – including front line staff, physicians, paramedics, patients, survivors, community residents, business leaders and others – have joined local advisory group or collaboratives, clinical health networks and action-oriented task groups. These volunteers are assisting in the implementation of the Central East LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan.

As per the legislation that governs Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), three positions on the Central East LHIN board are designated as community positions. When a vacancy occurs in one of those positions the Central East LHIN board makes a recommendation to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on who could fill the vacancy. The ultimate authority for appointing qualified board members rests with the Minister.

"Its important that we have the names of qualified individuals ready when the Minister needs them," said Novina Wong, Chair of the Central East LHIN Board's Community Nominations Committee. "The two volunteers will us determine who those people could be."

Volunteers interested in joining the board's Community Nominations Committee must be at least eighteen years of age and cannot be employees of the Central East LHIN, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care or any organization that receives funding from the Central East LHIN or the Ministry.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) form for people interested in joining the Community Nominations Committee is posted on the Central East LHIN website (www.centraleasthin.on.ca) behind the Board Recruitment button. It is also available by calling Sandi Kendal, Corporate Co-ordinator for the Central East LHIN at 1-866-804-5446 ext. 207.

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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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