



### **HOSPITALS MOVING FORWARD WITH INTEGRATION PLANNING** **LHIN Board extends deadline to provide more time for engagement**

#### **NEWS**

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The Scarborough Hospital and Rouge Valley Health System will now take the next step in a facilitated integration process, to design and implement a Scarborough Cluster hospital services delivery model, after submitting a 23-page Planning Framework to the Central East LHIN Board at the LHIN's June 24<sup>th</sup> Open Board meeting.

First approved by the two hospital boards at special meetings on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the plan calls for the organizations to proceed with stakeholder engagement and due diligence in order to determine what benefits a merger of the two hospitals will provide to the Scarborough community.

In presenting the plan to the LHIN Board, hospital CEOs Rik Ganderton from Rouge Valley Health System and Robert Biron from The Scarborough Hospital stated that a potential merger of the two corporations could allow the hospitals to develop a long term vision for hospital services for the Scarborough community and develop a solution that allows them to maintain access and improve quality as they deal with a decline in available financial resources.

The CEOs reiterated the hospitals' commitment to engaging community members, staff and volunteers, physicians and other health service providers on the benefits of a proposed merger and had set out an expected timeline of August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> for this engagement to happen in order to meet the October 2013 deadline for submitting a preferred integration plan to the LHIN Board.

In response the LHIN Board extended the submission deadline to November 2013 so that the hospitals had more time for engagement with their diverse communities in Scarborough and Durham Region.

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The LHIN Board also amended the timelines for the development of a new service delivery model for Maternal Child Youth (MCY) Services for the Scarborough Cluster, as well as a plan for a LHIN regional program for Advanced Neonatal and Paediatric Care so that it would be better aligned with the broader integration strategy. The two hospitals must now submit that plan no later than March 2014.

### QUOTES

“Once again I would like to state that the LHIN applauds the efforts of health care service providers in exploring opportunities to improve patient care, generate efficiencies and ensure the sustainability of the public health care system,” said Wayne Gladstone, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors. “The two hospital boards and their physician and administrative leaders are taking a bold and courageous step in exploring the benefits of a merger and our Board looks forward to the results of their due diligence and stakeholder engagement process.”

“The Central East LHIN Board’s decision to add extra time to the integration process for community engagement is the right thing to do and is very much appreciated,” said Soo Wong, MPP for Scarborough Agincourt, “Community members are eager to participate and it is important to include the community every step of the way. By extending the time for community input and listening and talking to Scarborough residents, the local hospitals will ensure the right care is being provided at the right time, in the right place by the right health professionals.”

“The development of a preferred integration plan is being led by an Integration Leadership Committee which includes representatives from both hospitals – their boards, medical staff, senior administrators and community advisory members - and the Central East LHIN,” said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN. “LHIN staff have an important role to play in this facilitated integration process by supporting the hospitals with access to information on demographics, health care utilization, current and future funding allocations and system planning.”

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