

CENTRAL EAST LHIN BOARD APPROVES INTEGRATION

Hospice services in the City of Kawartha Lakes to be provided under Community Care

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At its December 22nd open board meeting, the Board of the Central East LHIN issued a decision to support the facilitated integration of hospice services in the City of Kawartha Lakes. With this decision, hospice and bereavement services which are now being offered by Hospice Kawartha Lakes (HKL), will be integrated into the services currently being provided by Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes (CCCKL) by March 31, 2011. This will support hospice clients to have easier access to a broader range of community support services when they are needed.

The decision was issued after the boards of HKL and CCCKL approved a Hospice Integration Plan earlier in the month. The Plan, developed by representatives from the two organizations and the CE LHIN, contains a Service Delivery Model which ensures that all services, currently delivered by HKL, will continue and access may even be expanded through the network of CCCKL offices and service locations in Lindsay and the surrounding communities.

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“With our aging population, the need for health services, including hospice care is on the rise. We believe that formalizing a strong integration with another local Community Support Service agency will ensure the sustainability of hospice services for the long term,” said Barb Swain, President, HKL, Board of Directors. “We believe in the continual provision of hospice care and grief support in our community and look forward to serving the residents of Kawartha Lakes under the umbrella of CCCKL.”

“We believe that by integrating hospice services into CCCKL, hospice services remain viable and sustainable in the community for many years to come and that this integration will strengthen our agency by delivering services across a broad continuum of care,” said Glenn Wilcox, Chair, CCCKL, Board of Directors.

“Once again we are witnessing the collaboration and innovation of local health service providers who are recognizing that service to the community can be enhanced when organizations integrate their services and work together,” said Foster Loucks, Chair, CE LHIN Board of Directors. “We congratulate the boards of HKL and CCCKL for taking this important step.”

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Please visit the Central East LHIN website – Resource Documents/Integration – for more information on the Hospice Integration Plan. - <http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/Page.aspx?id=96>

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