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South East LHIN Board Approves Three Year Plan, Supports Request to Explore Possible Trenton Health Centre

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As 2015 draws to a close, the South East LHIN Board of Directors has taken steps to guide the focus of efforts in local health care for the next three years.

The board has approved the LHIN's fourth Integrated Health Service Plan. IHSP4, which is called *Health Care Tomorrow – Putting Patients First*, establishes three overarching goals:

1. Achieving better patient outcomes through more equitable access to quality care
2. Improving the health care experience through an integrated and patient-centred continuum of care
3. Working with partners towards the achievement of an accountable, high performing health care system

The IHSP4 outlines several projects and initiatives that the LHIN will undertake to help achieve the abovementioned goals.

The Board also supported a request from Quinte Health Care to establish a task force that will identify the next steps required to create an integrated, sustainable, local system of care in the Trenton area. As outlined in a report by the Brighton-Quinte West Health Services Advisory Committee, this could involve bringing together primary care, community health care and core hospital services, locating them all at the Trenton Memorial Hospital site.

The board also finalized the following meeting dates for 2016:

January 25, 2016	June 27, 2016
February 29, 2016	August 22, 2016
March 21, 2016	September 26, 2016
April 25, 2016	October 31, 2016
May 30, 2016	December 12, 2016

Please note there will be no Board of Director meetings scheduled for the months of July and November.

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"We called this fourth IHSP *Health Care Tomorrow – Putting Patients First*, because that is exactly what we do. We're going to continue working with the communities and providers in our region to ensure that we have an integrated and sustainable system of health care that puts the needs of patients and their families first."

-Donna Segal, Board Chair, South East LHIN.

"We know that the best and most sustainable health care system is integrated, with acute care, primary care and community health service providers all working together to meet the needs of patients. We look forward to working with our local health care partners, as well as other LHINs and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, to continuously improve the health care system both in the South East, and across the Province – over the next three years and beyond."

-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

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