

NEWS

SOUTH EAST LHIN BOARD AFFIRMS VISION FOR HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN THE REGION

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At a meeting in Amherstview today, the Board of Directors for the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) affirmed a vision statement designed to guide the delivery of care throughout the region. The vision is: *Achieving better health through proactive, integrated and responsive health care in partnership with an informed community.*

Initially created through an innovative citizen engagement process one year ago, the vision that was penned by residents from across the South East has since guided activities of the LHIN. Today the Board approved inclusion of a policy on Board Mission and Goals for its *Governance Policy Handbook*.

Goals that are outlined in the new policy are those in the 2006-2009 South East LHIN Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP). They include: improving access to primary health care, specialized medical care, mental health services, addictions services, rehabilitation services, transportation to and from care; improving availability of long-term care services; making the movement of patients between different health care organizations and professionals easier; developing better communication between the LHIN and local aboriginal communities; improving access to French language services; moving ahead with the development and use of electronic health information systems and developing a regional health human resources plan.

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“Our vision is guiding our health planning and funding efforts. It is in the forefront of our discussions as we prepare the next integrated health service plan,” says Georgina Thompson, Chair of the SE LHIN. “I would like to thank the participants from the 2008 Citizens’ Regional Health Assembly who took part in creating our vision. We know that we have a lot of work to do to ensure we have safe, quality care within available resources. We also know that in order to do that we need to improve communication within health organizations, with patients and with taxpayers. By working together as a system, we can achieve better health through the delivery of proactive, integrated and responsive health care in partnership with an informed community.”

“While our vision has guided work within the South East LHIN over the past year, we have not overtly promoted it outside of our organization,” says Paul Huras, Chief Executive Officer, SE LHIN. “Over the course of the next few months, that will change as the vision of the LHIN will be front and centre with our health care providers and the community.”

QUICK FACTS

- The South East LHIN will be rolling out its vision statement to health service providers in the region over the coming weeks. The vision will also be promoted during ENGAGE 2009 community open houses.
- ENGAGE 2009 involves a series of community engagement events designed to listen to residents from across the region in an effort to solicit their input as well as from stakeholder groups as the LHIN prepares the next IHSP, a strategic plan for the delivery of care from 2010-2013 in our region.
- In addition to a Citizens' Reference Panel and a Health Providers' Workshop ENGAGE 2009 involves 15 days of public open houses across the region.
- ENGAGE 2009 activities are informed by the LHIN's Regional Capacity Assessment and Projection project, a highly-detailed initiative to better understand health care needs and outcomes in the region. The data it provides helps the LHIN and health service providers better anticipate the needs for change in services across the South East. Some of the data is summarized in 15 two-page Sub-LHIN planning profiles which are available on the SE LHIN website at <http://www.southeastlin.on.ca/Page.aspx?id=2350>.
- Upcoming Community Open Houses include:
 - **April 7: Addington, North & Central Frontenac** (Township of Addington Highlands Recreation Centre)
 - 12-1 pm: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 1-2:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 2:30-4:30 pm: General public
 - **April 8: Stone Mills, Loyalist** (Meeting Room, Odessa Fairgrounds)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
 - **April 14: Kingston & The Islands** (Room B - Seniors' Association Kingston Centre)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 1:30-4 pm: General public
 - 6-7 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations (Community Room, Isabel Turner Branch, Kingston-Frontenac Public Library)
 - 7-9 pm: General public (Community Room, Isabel Turner Branch, Kingston-Frontenac Public Library)
 - **April 15: Quinte West, Brighton** (King Edward Park Community Centre, Brighton)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public

- **April 20: Belleville** (Meeting Room, Belleville Public Library)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
 - 6-7 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations (Parkdale Community Centre)
 - 7-9 pm: General public (Parkdale Community Centre)
- **April 21: South Frontenac** (Storrington Lion's Hall, Battersea Road)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **April 22: Greater Napanee, Deseronto, Tyendinaga** (Community Room, Strathcona Paper Centre)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **April 23: Prince Edward County** (Crystal Palace, Prince Edward Community Centre)
 - 10-11 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **April 29: Central Hastings** (Meeting Room, Madoc Public Library)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **May 5: Smiths Falls, Perth & Lanark** (Lounge, Curling Club, Smiths Falls)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **May 6: Rideau Lakes** (Elgin Municipal Complex)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
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- **May 7: Francophone** (tba, Kingston)
 - 2-7 pm: General public
- **May 12: Brockville** (YMCA, Brockville)
 - 10-11 am: Session for municipal and elected representatives
 - 11-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public
- **May 13: South East Leeds & Grenville** (St. Paul's United Church, Prescott)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Session for municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public

- **May 14: Gananoque** (Location TBD)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Session for municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 12:30-3:30 pm: General public

- **May 15: North Hastings** (Lobby, North Hastings Community Centre)
 - 10:30-11:30 am: Session for municipal and elected representatives
 - 11:30-12:30 pm: Front-line health providers/organizations
 - 1:30-3:30 pm: General public

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For more information about the ENGAGE 2009 activities, visit

http://www.southeasthin.on.ca/IntegratedHealthServicePlan.aspx?ekmense1=e2f22c9a_72_204_btnlink.

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