

THE SOUTH EAST LHIN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)

BACKGROUNDER

April 2008

The Health Professionals Advisory Committee (HPAC) was established in March 2008 by the South East Local Health Integration Network (South East LHIN). The committee includes a cross-representation of health care professionals – physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, dietitians, physiotherapists, pharmacists and social workers are all represented. Committee members are all practicing health care professionals who live or work within the South East LHIN geographic area and share a commitment to strengthening the local health care system.

Participation on the committee is strictly voluntary, with no remuneration. The 12 members of the committee were selected from among over 75 applicants, following a regional, publicly advertised recruitment process and based on their ability to represent a diverse and broad range of experiences, across health care sectors and communities.

Beginning in the spring, members will take part in regular discussions that are designed to help to inform planning efforts. The committee will initially focus on considerations related to the update of the *Integrated Health Services Plan*, first published by the South East LHIN in November 2006. The plan is being updated in preparation for the next planning cycle, which will begin in April 2010. The second edition of the plan is slated for publication in November 2009.

The creation of this committee is part of a range of tactics being used to effectively engage communities in health care planning. Recent examples have consisted of consultation sessions, a joint senior-provider working group and a Citizens' Regional Health Assembly.

HPAC Membership

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| Ms. Kelly | Baker | Providence Care | Nurse |
| Dr. David | Barber | Queen's Family Medicine Centre | Physician - Family |
| Dr. Brenda | Barry | Seeley's Bay Family Medical Clinic | Physician - Family |
| Ms. Linda | Bayly | AON Inc. | Nurse |
| Ms. Joan | Beyette | The John M Parrott Centre | Dietitian |
| Dr. Barry | Guppy | Quinte Health Care | Physician |
| Mr. John | Hope | Hotel Dieu Hospital | Physiotherapist |
| Ms. Lee Ann | Irwin | Brockville & Area Community Living Association | Nurse |
| Ms. Kimberly | Mahoney | Queen's Family Health team | Nurse Practitioner |
| Mr. Balu | Patel | Balu's Pharmacy | Pharmacist |
| Dr. Chris | Simpson | Kingston General Hospital | Physician |