

News Release

South East LHIN Announces Appointment of New Board Chair

Belleville, Ontario (January 24, 2013) - The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Vice-Chair Andreas von Cramon today announced the appointment of Donna Segal as Board Chair for the SE LHIN, for a three-year term until December, 2015.

Ms. Segal brings to her new role a wealth of experience in health care. She has managed a number of policy, planning and service portfolios in the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, leaving her last position of Executive Director, Health Services Division, to become the founding CEO of the Ontario Family Health Network in 2001. In 2004, she joined the Health Council of Canada, from which she retired in 2007. From 2008 until 2012 she has served as a member of the Kingston General Hospital Board of Directors and as a member of the Queen's Family Health Team Advisory Board.

Ms. Segal holds a BNSc from Queen's University and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. She and her husband reside just east of Kingston.

In accepting her appointment as Chair of the SE LHIN Board, Ms. Segal emphasized the importance of strong and collaborative relationships in building, sustaining and improving health services for the region and the communities within. "The LHIN, as South East Ontario's local health system manager, plays a valuable and locally-sensitive role in providing to its 90 plus health providers leadership, information, guidance and funding to ensure that, in partnership, we are all working well to improve access to high quality services to our communities. I take that role very seriously and look forward to maintaining and building those partnerships."

She will preside over her first SE LHIN Board meeting on January 28th at the LHIN offices in Belleville.

Board chairs and directors are appointed by the provincial government through an Order-In-Council for a term of one to three years, renewable for two terms up to a six-year maximum.

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"On behalf of our South East LHIN Board members, I'm delighted to welcome Donna to our team and to emphasize how much we look forward to her participation and guidance as we provide the governance that will be critical to the transformative changes taking place in our

health care system. Her expertise and experience will be of profound importance and benefit to our Board, our staff and, ultimately, all residents of the southeast.”

Andreas von Cramon - Vice-Chair, South East LHIN Board

“We are grateful for Donna’s appointment to the South East LHIN Board, and excited by the depth of her experience as well as the caliber of her credentials. With Donna at the helm, the South East LHIN is remarkably well-positioned to navigate the challenges and the opportunities that will lead to improved access to high-quality care for all our residents.”

Paul Huras - CEO, South East LHIN

“I know that, in Donna, the South East LHIN is getting one of the most able health care experts to lead care and drive change in the region. As we continue with a significant transformation of our health care system in the province, I look forward to working closely with Donna and the Board in exploring new ways of continuing to improve the quality of care for residents of South Eastern Ontario.”

Deb Matthews – Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

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