

## NEWS

### HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER BOARD MEMBERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER HEALTH IN THE SOUTH EAST

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More than 120 health service provider volunteer Board members in the South East region will gather in Kingston tomorrow for the third annual [Working Together for Better Health](#) forum organized by the [South East Local Health Integration Network](#) (LHIN).

A key topic of conversation will be integration. Specifically, Board members (also called Governors or Directors) will hear more about how they can better position their organizations by working together with their health colleagues. Key presentations will also be made on the role of Boards in helping to address Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care priorities, including issues such as Emergency Room waiting times and Alternate Level of Care.

The role of health-care governance is evolving in the LHIN environment where boards are not just responsible for overseeing the management of their own organization, but also for contributing to the development and functioning of an integrated system of care.

#### QUOTES

“The governance level is vital to the transformation of our health-care system. By working together we will be able to better integrate the delivery of care, resulting in enhanced access to services, improved overall efficiency and better services. Effective governance is required to enable the South East LHIN to realize its vision: *Achieving better health through proactive, integrated and responsive health care in partnership with an informed community.*”

– Georgina Thompson, Chair, South East LHIN.

“Working with its health service providers, the South East LHIN is continuing to nurture an environment where Boards are working together to lead and support integration and system development. A lot of excellent work in collaborative governance has taken place in our region over the past few years, and we are pleased to see it is an identified priority within the second [South East Integrated Health Services Plan.](#)”

– Margaret Werkhoven, Co-Chair Collaborative Governance Development Team, South East LHIN

#### QUICK FACTS

- Results from a survey provided to Board members across the LHIN will be provided at the forum. In all, 211 people responded from 124 health service provider agencies.

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Find out more about health care services in the [South East LHIN](#)

Read the results and recommendations from [Working Together for Better Health 2008](#).

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