

NEWS RELEASE

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SOUTH EAST LHIN WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Georgina Thompson, Board Chair of the South East LHIN is pleased to announce the appointment of Jyoti Kotchea to the South East LHIN Board.

Ms. Kotchea was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to a three year term which began March 24, 2010.

Ms. Kotchea is currently a board member on the Kingston and Frontenac Council of Aging (COA). She is also the Research & Programs Manager for the Centre for Studies in Primary Care in the Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University.

Before joining the Board of Directors, she was a former member of the Health Science Research Ethics Board (REB) at Queen's University, as well as a tri-chair at the Limestone District School Board for two years.

She brings over 18 years of experience in health care research and management at both the national and international level. Her interests include researching clinical trials, models of care that support healthy aging at home, age related mobility disability and chronic disease management.

Ms. Kotchea holds a Masters in Public Administration from Queen's University, has been awarded the title of Chartered Chemist by the Royal Society of Chemists, U.K., and is a PhD candidate in the School of Rehabilitation at Queen's University.

Ms. Kotchea will be in attendance at the next South East LHIN Board Directors meeting which takes place on April 26, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Merrickville District Community Health Centre.

QUOTES

"The South East LHIN is always seeking fresh new perspectives. We felt Ms. Kotchea was the perfect fit because she is knowledgeable and possesses years of experience in many branches of the healthcare field. She connects with our strategic goals and objectives and will be able to facilitate optimal delivery of healthcare services to the stakeholders and citizens of the South East LHIN. We are pleased to have her and we look forward to working with her."

- Georgina Thompson, Board Chair, South East LHIN

“I’m thrilled to have been offered such a prominent position. There have been many healthcare successes in the South East LHIN and I see lots of potential in our area for effective delivery whether it’s in Alternate Level of Care (ALC), Long Term Care (LTC) or other crucial areas. I’m looking forward to working with my fellow board members to ensure that the people of the South East LHIN receive the healthcare services they need when they need them.”

- Jyoti Kotchea, Board Member, South East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- Jyoti Kotchea’s appointment brings the number of members on the South East LHIN Board to seven.
- Directors are appointed by an Order-In-Council for a term of one to three years with a maximum tenure of six years.
- Selected board members possess relevant experience, expertise, leadership skills and have an understanding of local health issues, needs and priorities.
- The Board of Directors is accountable, through the Chair, to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for the LHIN’s use of public funds, and for its results in terms of goals and performance of the local health system.

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