

Executive Report

April 18, 2007

Report from the OHA

OHA Shares Information about ALC Issues

To learn more about the growing Alternate-Level-of-Care (ALC) issue, the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) conducted a survey in January to determine the current levels of ALC patient occupying acute care beds in Ontario's hospital. 129 hospitals, representing 96% of acute care beds, participated in the survey.

In February, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) announced \$13.7 million in new funding for addressing the ALC issue, including funding for home and community support services, staff for Community Care Access Centres, geriatric emergency management programs, and 105 transitional beds for patients waiting for long term care.

Yet, concerted action is still needed to ensure patients, particularly elderly patients, receive the care they need, where and when they need it. The OHA continues to work with the Government of Ontario and partners outside of hospitals to develop strategies towards the ALC issue. As part of this work, the OHA will be conducting several short surveys over the next few months with the purpose of collecting timely information on the challenges ALC patients place on Ontario hospitals.

The deadline for the first survey in this series was Thursday, April 13, 2007; however, several hospitals have yet to complete it. A link for the survey was sent via email. **If you have misplaced or have not received a link, contact Tamarah Harel at tharel@oha.com or 416-205-1346.**

OHA to Distribute Election Document

The OHA is currently distributing its election platform document, *Inspiring Health Care Innovation*, to all current Ontario Ministers of Provincial Parliament as well as all nominated candidates for the upcoming October 2007 provincial election. These distribution efforts will occur on an ongoing basis leading up to election day. As MPPs and candidates receive their copies, local hospital CEOs will be notified. **For further information, contact Chris McPherson at cmcpherson@oha.com or 416-205-1305.**

IPCCCE Program for Acute Care Launched

As a reminder to all acute care hospitals, please note that the MOHLTC, in collaboration with the OHA, the Ministry of Labour and other key stakeholders, has launched the first three acute care modules of the standardized "Infection Prevention and Control Core Competency Education" (IPCCCE) program. The modules, launched as a CD-ROM program, is being mailed to all acute care hospital CEOs starting April 16, 2007, along with supporting material to help hospitals launch the program. **For further information, contact Karen Sequeira at ksequeira@oha.com or 416-205-1328.**

Report on Health Care

HDH Launches Patient and Family Council

Hotel Dieu Hospital and its mental health patients and families have a new way of communicating thanks to the successful launch of the first-ever Patient and Family Council in the hospital's adult mental health program.

With a mandate to review, advise and make recommendations about program services and initiatives, the council will contribute to enhancing patient-centred care for those individuals who receive mental health services at the hospital and their families. The adult mental health services at Hotel Dieu are designed for those who require specialized hospital-based psychiatric resources due to the acuity or complexity of their illness.

With eight members already involved with the council, they have identified two priorities: ensuring timely and helpful communication between patients/family members and the hospital at time of inpatient admission and boosting programming for inpatients during daytime and evening hours.

Building a Better Chronic Disease Prevention and Management System

With chronic disease on the rise, the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has established a Chronic Disease Prevention and Management (CDPM) Network to help create a better system for patients, caregivers and health care professionals in the Central East community.

At the beginning of the year, over 50 people – including physicians, front line health care professionals and health care users – submitted Expression of Interest forms as the Central East LHIN began to create a steering committee for the new network. The LHIN was looking for individuals who could bring a variety of perspectives on chronic disease prevention and management from across the Central East geography.

A complete list of the CDPM Network committee members is available on the Central East LHIN's website (www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) under "Health Interest Networks."

Using Robotic Tools to Assess Stroke Patients

Researchers at Providence Continuing Care Centre's (PCCC) St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Queen's University are hoping that a robotic tool can improve assessment and treatment of stroke patients, leading to faster and more effective rehabilitation and recovery.

The KINARM (Kinseological Instrument for Normal and Altered Reaching Movement) is being tested at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital to determine if it can assess neurological and motor functioning of patients more accurately than traditional methods. It is the only device of its kind that measures multi-joint movement at the shoulder, elbow and hand, leading to new findings about how the brain coordinates limb movements.



The KINARM was designed and invented at Queen's University by Dr. Stephen Scott, professor of anatomy and cell biology. The research is being conducted by a collaborative team that includes Dr. Scott, Dr. Sean Dukelow, a fourth year resident in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specializing in neuroscience, and Dr. Stephen Bagg, clinical leader for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and associate professor at Queen's University. Queen's University scientists Kathleen Norman from the School of Rehabilitation Therapy and Janice Glasgow from the School of Computer Science are also taking part in the project.

Report from Queen's Park

Strengthening Support for Seniors' Mental Health

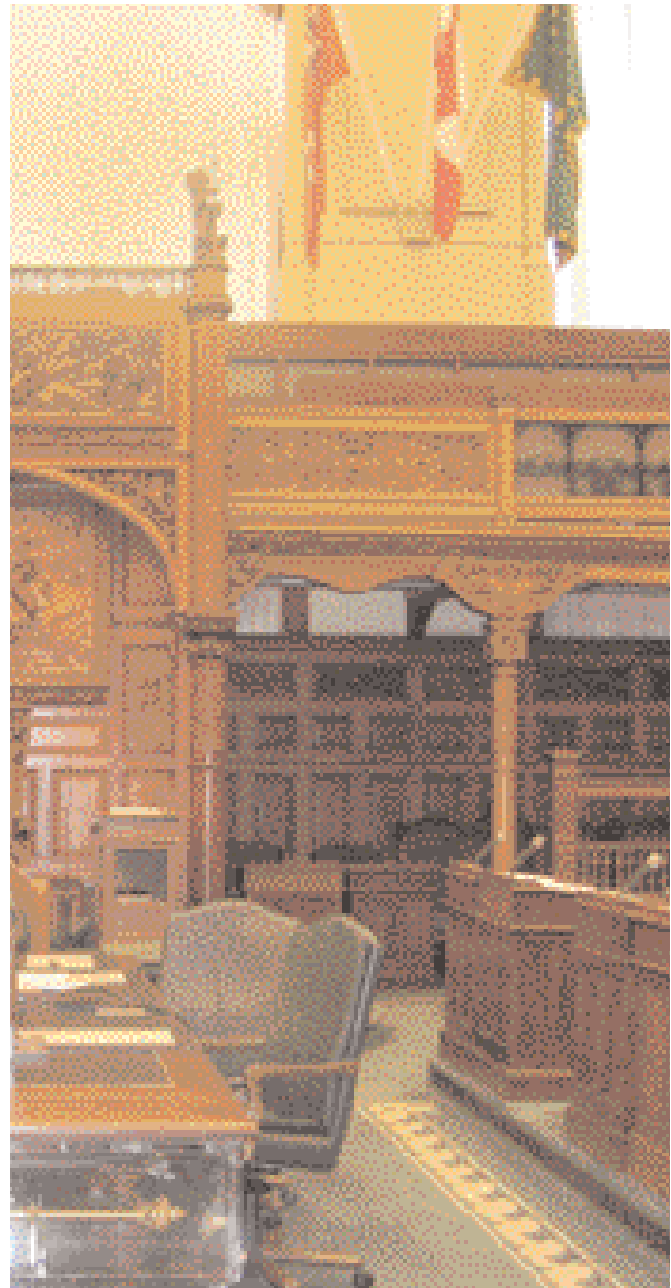
Ontario's Minister Responsible for Seniors, **Jim Bradley**, recently announced a \$100,000 investment towards increasing the awareness of issues facing older persons living with mental illness and addictions.

The funds were given to the Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions Network (OPMHAN), whose membership includes more than 60 regional and provincial organizations.

The funding will enable the network to publish a brochure on aging and depression, train volunteers to present mental health seminars at seniors' information fairs, and hold 14 training sessions for staff of community agencies.

Expenditure Estimates Released

The Ontario Ministry of Finance has released the first volume of Ontario's *Expenditure Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. The Estimates set out the details of the province's operating and capital spending requirements for its ministries, constitute the government's annual formal request to the Legislature for approval, and are the legal spending authority for each provincial government ministry. To view this year's *Expenditure Estimates*, visit <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/budget/estimates/>.



OHA Conferences

Certificate for Implementing the *Guide to Good Governance*

May 4, 2007

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
1150 Wellington Rd. S., London

May 31, 2007

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
11 Cooper St., Ottawa

This one-day certificate program will give participants a deeper understanding of the factors influencing good governance. Participants will identify areas for improving the functioning of their boards and creating a board governance development plan. This program will be particularly beneficial if board chairs attend with the chairs of Governance Committees and the corporate secretary/administrative support to the board. For more information, contact Josie Mazzola at jmazzola@oha.com or 416-205-1356.

Regional Triage Training Sessions Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Ottawa, London, Peterborough, and Barrie

Regional Triage Training Sessions are continuing across the province. Designed as a train-the-trainer course, these sessions feature topics such as the fundamentals of triage, the use of the Canadian Triage Acuity Scale and paediatric triage. Space is available for the Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Ottawa, London, Peterborough and Barrie sessions. Register for a course near you at the OHA website (www.oha.com) under "Professional Development and Events – Conferences." For more information, contact June Barrette at jbarrette@oha.com or 416-205-1316.

Infection Prevention and Control Conference May 9, 2007

Fairmont Royal York
100 Front St. W., Toronto

Infection prevention and control in the health care setting is ever-changing and professionals need to keep up with current standards and practices to ensure they are appropriately implemented within hospitals. The OHA and Infection Control

Ontario recognize the importance of infection prevention and control education for health care providers and encourage you to register for the annual conference they have planned in partnership with one another. This conference will provide essential information for infection prevention and control professionals, patient safety staff, risk management officers and educators who provide infection prevention and control education within their facilities. For more information, contact Shannon Byck Munday at sbyckmunday@oha.com or 416-205-1357.

Chiefs of Psychiatry Workshop

May 11, 2007

Holiday Inn on King
370 King St. W., Toronto

The MOHLTC, the Ontario Medical Association and the OHA invite you to attend a Chiefs of Psychiatry workshop that will provide information and education on the psychiatric stipend funding. The psychiatric stipend funding was negotiated in the 2004 *Physician Service Agreement* to enhance the remuneration of physicians providing psychiatric services in hospitals and to attract psychiatrists to work in hospital care settings. Through formal presentations and round table discussions, this workshop promises to be an informative event that will focus on improving understanding of the financing and accountability of the new funding, sharing information about how to use the funding for recruitment and retention, sharing administrative issues experiences, and exploring how to improve services. For more information, contact Shannon Byck Munday at sbyckmunday@oha.com or 416-205-1357.

Green Health Care and the New Canadian Landscape

May 30, 2007

Holiday Inn on King
370 King St. W., Toronto

Continuing to build on the interest and success of the OHA Health Achieve Green Lane and Green Health Care Session, the OHA is pleased to present a one-day conference focused on advancing green health care. Topics will include the Ontario Power Authority's promotion of green health care through energy savings; the role of LHINs in the greening of health care; leading hospital practices; green purchasing; what your hospital can do; bringing healthy foods into health care;

OHA Conferences (continued)

federal politics and the environment; and Canada in a warmer world: what the future holds. For more information, contact Brian Shields at bshields@oha.com or 416-205-1455.

Medical Devices: Current Issues Monday, June 4, 2007 Fairmont Royal York Hotel 100 Front St. W., Toronto

This year's conference will review a number of medical device hot topics, including ways to resolve differing instruments, differing cycles, and differing manufacturers' guidelines; possibilities for moving towards standardized sterilization cycles; Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and Health Canada's recommendations on CJD and related medical devices; tracking medical devices and surgical instruments; implications for disclosure and class action lawsuits among many other relevant topics.

Participants will hear updates from representatives of the Health Canada Scientific Advisory Panel and the Canadian Association for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH). Participants will also benefit from presentations and panel discussions on new strategies and directions from speakers across the health care sector, such as hospitals, Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Canadian Services Association of Ontario (CSAO), manufacturers of medical devices and sterilization tools, and legal counsel. For more information, contact Sara Simone at simone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.

Leading Innovations in Supply Chain Integration Monday June 18, 2007 Renaissance Toronto Hotel Downtown One Blue Jays Way, Toronto

This year's conference will focus on promoting quality health care through leading innovations in supply chain integration.

Topics will feature today's leading practices, health care supply chain standards, pandemic planning, provincial audits of capital equipment, standardization of physician acceptance, e-Commerce, transaction standards and performance metrics. Participants will have the opportunity to pre-select from four concurrent sessions and take part in roundtable discussions. Participants will also enjoy presentations from speakers representing a variety of areas, including the MOHLTC, Ontario hospitals and supply chain management organizations. For more information, contact Sara Simone at simone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.

Capital Planning Conference: 21st Century Planning and Project Delivery Friday June 22, 2007 Holiday Inn on King 370 King St. W., Toronto

Focusing on planning and project delivery in the 21st century, this conference's topics include:

- Current and future hospital funding in relation to the post construction operating plan process (PCOP)
- Results of PCOP projects and where they are at now
- General output specifications (GOS) and what they mean to hospitals.
- GOS and future program planning
- Bridging GOS with implementation
- GOS lessons learned

Chaired by Daniel Carriere, President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre, this conference will provide the latest developments in capital planning with a focus on what is required for 21st century planning and project delivery. Participants will hear innovative presentations and panel discussions from speakers within government, hospital settings, architectural companies, and Infrastructure Ontario. For more information, contact Sara Simone at simone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.



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