

Executive Report

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Report from the OHA

Hospital Perspectives Summer 2007 Edition - Call for Submissions

The next edition of the Ontario Hospital Association's (OHA) *Hospital Perspectives* publication will be distributed in August 2007. The summer edition will focus on patient safety innovations and achievements. The OHA is seeking stories that showcase patient safety initiatives and accomplishments across Ontario. Articles should demonstrate the value and successes of patient safety services.

If you are an OHA member and would like to submit an article about patient safety achievements in your area, contact Amy Ouellette at aouellette@oha.com or 416-205-1433. Submissions should not exceed 800 words and should be accompanied with high resolution photographs. The submission deadline is June 20, 2007.

Romanow To Speak at AGM

The Change Foundation (TCF) -- established in 1996 by the OHA to promote, support and improve health and health care delivery -- has new directors, new leadership, and a new strategic plan for 2007- 2010. Leaders in the health care community are encouraged to attend the foundation's annual general meeting and reception to familiarize themselves with what TCF will be doing over the next three years. The event is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. The Honourable Roy Romanow is the featured keynote speaker and will give a talk titled "Canada's Shared Destiny and the Future of Medicare."

For further information, contact Elaine Coyle at ecoyle@changefoundation.com or 416-205-1353.

Symposium on Health Care Change

TCF's upcoming symposium, *Showcasing Successes in Health Care Change, Framing Future Challenges*, will be held Friday, May 25, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sutton Place Hotel (955 Bay St., Toronto).

The day will begin with a keynote address called "LHINtegration: Can Ontario Leapfrog the Regionalized Provinces?" by nationally recognized health policy consultant Steven Lewis, who has written extensively about health care regionalization and health outcomes. Mr. Lewis will highlight what regionalized health care has yielded in jurisdictions across the country and outline the factors and responses that will contribute to the success or failure of the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in meeting their goals.

For further information, contact Hasmik Beglaryan at hbeglaryan@changefoundation.com or 416-205-1451.

Proclamation Date Set for Bill 159

Bill 159, the *Private Security and Investigative Services Act* will be in force as of August 23, 2007. The bill, which received Royal Assent in December 2005, replaces the *Private Investigators and Security Guards Act* and makes licensing and training mandatory for all security personnel, including in-house security and municipal employees who perform security-related duties. The bill also requires standardized training, uniforms, and equipment for all security personnel as defined in the legislation. The notice of proclamation was published in the May 12 issue of the *Ontario Gazette*.

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Bill 108 Referred to Standing Committee for Public Hearings

On May 10, 2007, Bill 108, the *Prescription Monitoring Act*, 2006 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy. The bill, introduced in April of last year, establishes a program for monitoring the prescription of certain drugs designated by regulation. The bill would also create the Ontario Prescription Monitoring Board (OPMB), which would be responsible for establishing and operating the prescription-monitoring program for the province. The OPMB would be composed of directors that include representatives of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and the Ontario College of Pharmacists. A copy of the bill can be found at www.ontla.on.ca.

For further information, contact Melissa Radolli at mradolli@oha.com or 416-205-1322.



John Wright Announced as HealthAchieve2007 Keynote Speaker

OHA HealthAchieve is pleased to announce that it has added another prominent speaker to its outstanding line-up for the 2007 show. **John Wright**, Senior Vice President of the Canadian Public Affairs component of Ipsos Reid – Canada’s largest market research and public opinion firm – will be the keynote speaker at HealthAchieve’s Trustee Session on Monday, November 5, 2007.

In addition to Mr. Wright’s client work involving public affairs research, he has been the lead media spokesperson for the

company since 1990, commenting on politics, policy and consumer trends. He also hosts a weekly radio show for Canada’s largest News Talk station, Toronto’s CFRB, called *Your Opinion Counts*, and is a regular co-host on BNN-TV’s *Squeeze Play*.

For further information and regular updates about OHA HealthAchieve, visit www.ohahealthachieve.com or contact Susan Jacobs at sjacobs@oha.com or 416-205-1364.

Call for Submissions and Nominations for 2007 Green Health Care Awards

The OHA, in conjunction with the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, is pleased to present the seventh annual *Green Health Care Awards* at OHA HealthAchieve2007. The 2007 *Green Health Care Awards* recognize hospitals and individuals who demonstrate leadership and excellence in reducing health care’s environmental impact. Awards will be granted for outstanding achievements in four categories:

- Energy efficiency
- Pollution prevention
- Overall leadership
- Individual leadership

To nominate your hospital for one of these awards, visit www.ohahealthachieve.com/greenhealthcareawards. The deadline to submit an application is July 20, 2007.

For further information, contact Sara Simone at ssimone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.

Report on Health Care

Long History, Shorter Name for Providence Care

Providence Continuing Care Centre has been renamed Providence Care. The shorter name and accompanying new logo were officially unveiled last week by Board Chair **Larry Norman** at Providence Care's three main sites: Providence Manor, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Mental Health Services. "The new name retains "Providence" in honour of the hospital's founders, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul," Norman explained. The new logo, which includes a heart in place of the "o" in Providence, was designed with consideration of a staff survey done in December that showed strong support for the logo to include a human symbol.

The new name and logo will be rolled out gradually over the next 12 months. Letterhead will be changed in the coming weeks and the website domain is now www.providencecare.ca. To reduce waste and manage costs, other materials will be changed over as they come up for reprinting.

Fun Centre Now Available at Osler

Children who come to William Osler Health Centre's Etobicoke General Hospital site for surgery now have access to a Starlight Fun Centre, courtesy of a fundraising campaign by staff and physicians in the Surgical Services department. "There was an identified need for distraction therapy for paediatric patients waiting for surgery," said **Laurie Jenkins**, Director of Surgical Services at Osler.

The Fun Centre, which resembles a robot, is a brightly coloured mobile entertainment unit that combines a flat screen monitor, DVD player, and Nintendo Game Cube system. It can be rolled right into patient rooms so that even children who are unable to leave their beds can play video games or watch movies and take their minds off their troubles for a while.

A Canadian First at LHSC

On May 4th, 2007, a cardiac surgery team led by **Dr. Bob Kiaii**, cardiac surgeon and director of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Cardiac Surgery at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), University Hospital, performed a totally endoscopic closed-chest robotic coronary artery bypass surgery on a patient's beating heart for the first time in Canada.

The surgical team employed a daVinci Robot and used four one-centimeter endoscopic incisions to perform the bypass on a beating heart. The surgery was made possible by the use of a specialized endoscopic heart stabilizer that provided access and stabilization to the bypass area, as well as special sutures used to simplify and create the bypass connection with the robotic instrumentation.

The minimally invasive nature of the procedure means that the patient only requires a one- to two-day stay in hospital and can recover and return to normal activity in about a week.



Executive Announcements

The Salvation Army has selected **Mrs. Mildred Jarvis** to fulfill the role of Interim President at Toronto Grace Health Centre. Mrs. Jarvis was seconded from her position as Social Services Consultant effective February 12, 2007.

The Providence Care Board of Directors has announced the appointment of **Dale Kenney** as

President and CEO. Mr. Kenney's position will officially begin this fall after current President and CEO, **Cathy Dunne**, retires.

On May 9, 2007, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **George Smitherman** announced the appointment of **Vanessa Burkoski** as Ontario's Provincial Chief Nursing Officer.

Baycrest has announced its new President and Chief Executive Officer, **Dr. William E. Reichman**. Mr. Reichman's position will be effective July 1, 2007.

Report from Queen's Park

Enhancing Critical Care

Building on its Critical Care Strategy, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has announced it will invest \$7 million in critical care training for nurses.

The investment includes:

- \$4.5 million for 61 hospital corporations to assist with the costs of ensuring 273 critical care nurses meet the new provincial critical care nursing standards
- \$2.5 million for a new critical care nursing e-learning program, operated in partnership with Durham College, to make critical care training more accessible to nurses who may not be able to attend traditional college programs

The MOHLTC's Critical Care Strategy was announced on January 30, 2006 to meet the needs of patients facing an immediately life-threatening condition in which vital organ systems are at risk of failing.

Celebrating Innovation in Ontario Health Care

Celebrate Ontario's most innovative frontline health care leaders and learn about new programs and approaches that are helping to make our health care system work better at the *Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo*.

The expo is being presented by the MOHLTC and Ontario's 14 LHINs on May 23 and 24, 2007 at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto.

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Minister's Innovation Awards when the Honourable **George Smitherman**, Minister of

Health and Long-Term Care, will present six awards to the year's most meaningful health care innovations.

For more information, visit www.health.gov.on.ca/innovations.

Supporting Internationally Trained Nurses

Last week, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Mike Colle** announced a \$2.9 million investment for new programs designed to break down barriers for internationally trained nurses. To help meet Ontario's needs, the new programs will provide newcomers with language training, preparation for licensure assistance, and work experience needed to work in regulated trades and professions.

New Funding Announced for RPN Positions

Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **George Smitherman** has announced an investment of \$57.7 million in annual funding for Registered Practical Nurses (RPN) positions. The money will be used to create 1,200 new full-time RPN positions and to ensure at least one new RPN position in each of Ontario's long-term care homes.

The initiative is intended to build on the recently-announced Nursing Graduate Guarantee, which was set up to ensure full-time work opportunities for all 2007 Ontario nursing graduates.



OHA Conferences

Rural and Northern Health Care Conference May 23, 24 & 25, 2007 Marriott Bloor Yorkville 90 Bloor St. E., Toronto

Delegates and speakers registered for this conference are invited to attend a pre-conference cocktail reception on the evening of May 23. This event will take place in the High Park 1 Room at the Marriott Bloor Yorkville starting at 5:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to network with colleagues prior to the start of the conference.

The topics at this important conference for leaders of rural and northern hospitals include: future trends in health care and the implications for rural and northern hospitals; the future of primary care; leading practices in rural health care training; effective governance in times of change; and, emergency preparedness in rural and northern hospitals.

Joe Flower, health care futurist and CEO of What If, Inc., and Doug Lipp, an internationally acclaimed expert on leadership and diversity, are among the featured keynote speakers. Optional pre-conference activities include the Toronto Symphony Orchestra conducted by Itzhak Perlman, or the comedy, *Tip of the Melting Iceberg* at The Second City comedy club. Dinner and entertainment at the Panorama Lounge will take place on May 24.

For more information please contact Lina Pallotta at 416-205-1306 or lpallotta@oha.com.

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 success of the OHA HealthAchieve 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 "greening" health care; leading hospital practices; green purchasing; what your hospital can do; bringing healthy foods into health care; policy, politics and the environment; and Canada in a warmer world – what the future holds. The conference will include special keynote presentations by Bruce Dudley, Senior Vice President, The Delphi Group and Dr. Kirsty Duncan, Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto and Senior Member, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For further information, contact Sara Simone at ssimone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.

Failure Mode and Effects Analysis Workshop (FMEA) – A Tool for Proactively Identifying Risk in Health Care June 7, 2007 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, Room 202BD 255 Front St. W., Toronto

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada has developed a one-day Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) workshop and is partnering with the OHA to offer it to Canadian health care agencies.

FMEA has been in use for many years in other high-risk industries such as aerospace, aviation and nuclear power. It is an approach that recommends not waiting until a patient is harmed to make necessary process improvements. FMEA can be applied to processes at all levels of the health care system.

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Leading Innovations in Supply Chain Integration:

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 further information, contact Sara Simone at simone@oha.com or 416-205-1314.

Capital Planning Conference: 21st Century Planning and Project Delivery

June 22, 2007

Holiday Inn on King

370 King St. W., Toronto

This year's conference will focus on 21st Century Planning and Project Delivery. Topics include:

- What is the next phase of the Renew Ontario plan?
- Status of financing options
- Planning: Governance under the new project delivery model
 - Dealing with multiple partners, stakeholders and advisors
 - Lessons learned from the Niagara Health System

- 21st Century Planning and Design: What will the structures of the future look like?
- Planning your AFP Hospital: Challenges and early lessons learned
- Generic Output Specifications (GOS) - Planning, approval and procurement process

Chaired by **Daniel Carriere**, President and CEO, Southlake Regional Health Centre, participants will learn about the latest developments in capital planning and project delivery from speakers representing a variety of perspectives including government, hospitals, architects, and Infrastructure Ontario.

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Administrative Professionals Conference

Aug. 19 (evening) and Aug. 20, 2007

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Join your colleagues at the *OHA Region 1 North West Sub-Region Administrative Professionals Conference*. This one-day workshop is designed to help health care administrative professionals from large or small organizations, who report to any level of administration, improve their skill set, boost productivity and bring their best to work and life. The program will feature a mix of presentations, interactive discussions and opportunities to share ideas and challenges with fellow colleagues. Topics will include diversity in health care, minute-taking, e-mailing, office yoga, and ergonomics in the workplace.

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