

Executive Report

May 2, 2007

Report from the OHA

New Accessibility Committees Underway

On April 8, 2007, the Government of Ontario announced the development of both the Employment Accessibility Standards Development Committee and the Accessible Built Environment Standards Development Committee. These committees will draft proposed accessibility standards pursuant to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (the Act).

While the Employment Accessibility committee will look at how people with disabilities can be given equal opportunity to apply for jobs and the ways in which workplace policies and practices can be made more inclusive, the Accessible Built Environment committee will look at the barriers in the physical environment, both indoors and outdoors, and other issues such as clear signage and parking.

The Minister of Community and Social Services is responsible for establishing and overseeing a process to develop and implement all accessibility standards under the Act.

Accessibility standards are established by regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and, as part of the standards development process, the Minister must establish committees that will develop accessibility standards to be considered for adoption by regulation. More information about these activities can be found on the Ministry's website at www.mcsc.gov.on.ca. For further information, contact Melissa Radolli at mradolli@oha.com or 416-205-1322.

P5 Survey Close to Completion

Thank you to all hospitals who have completed the Pandemic Preparedness Planning Portal Project (P5) survey. For the acute care hospitals that have yet to submit their response to the survey, there is still an opportunity to do so. A link to the P5 needs assessment survey can be found in this week's Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) *Executive Update* email and should be completed by the person most responsible for the hospital's pandemic influenza planning. The results of the survey will inform the development of a comprehensive learning portal to help hospitals in planning for an influenza pandemic. For further information, contact Karen Sequeira at ksequeira@oha.com or 416-205-1328.

Legislative Assembly Holds Public Hearings on Bill 67

On April 19, 2007, the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly held public hearings on Bill 67, the *Organ and Tissue Donation Mandatory Declaration Act, 2006*. The bill, introduced last year by MPP Frank Klees (PC-Oak Ridges), would amend the *Health Insurance Act* and the *Highway Traffic Act* so that a health card or a driver's license could not be issued or renewed for a person of at least 16 years of age unless that person has completed a declaration, specifying what uses are to be made of organs or tissue after death or that the person is undecided about specifying such uses.

The Standing Committee undertook clause-by-clause consideration of the bill on April 26, and it will likely be reported back to the House, as amended, in the coming weeks. For further information, contact Melissa Radolli at mradolli@oha.com or 416-205-1322.



Register Early and Save

OHA HealthAchieve2007 will take place on November 5, 6, and 7, 2007 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. By booking early, delegates can take advantage of the early registration discount and save \$100. Register online at www.ohahealthachieve.com.

Book Hotel Accommodations for OHA HealthAchieve2007

Book your accommodations for OHA HealthAchieve early to ensure your choice of hotel during your stay in Toronto. When making hotel reservations, please identify yourself as a delegate attending OHA HealthAchieve2007 to qualify for special hotel rates.

Report on Health Care

Cancer Care Ontario Presents Awards

Cancer Care Ontario recently presented a number of Human Touch Awards to honour cancer care professionals from across the province for providing exceptional and compassionate care to patients.

The partnerships between Cancer Care Ontario, government, organizations, health professionals and front-line care providers are critical to making sure the health care system works for all patients.

The Human Touch Award winners included:

- Donna Danelon, Registered Dietitian, Windsor Regional Cancer Centre
- Breast Disease Site Team, Juravinski Cancer Centre, Hamilton Health Sciences
- Dr. Karen Mazurski, Regional Oncology Physician, Dryden Regional Health Centre
- 3Z Blood Disorders Unit, McMaster University Medical Centre, Juravinski Cancer Centre, Hamilton Health Sciences
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Oncology/Palliative Care Team
- Rosanne Peever-Trottier, Director of Nursing, Anson General Hospital
- Dr. Dori Seccareccia, Palliative Care Physician, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto
- Chemotherapy Clinic Team, Centenary Site, Rouge Valley Health System, Scarborough

York Central Hospital Opens New Family Birthing Centre

Over the past eight years, the York Central Hospital has experienced a significant 50 percent increase in the number of births it has helped deliver. To accommodate this growth, the hospital recently opened a new \$3.4 million family birthing centre. Having welcomed 2,400 babies last year, the new addition expands the hospital's capacity and will be able to accommodate up to 3,200 births a year. The new family birthing centre includes eight birthing suites, two operating suites, a triage area and fetal assessment room, a neonatal resuscitation room and

Ontario's first full-time maternal fetal medicine clinic in a community hospital setting.

CIHI Report Highlights Hospital-Based Rehabilitation Information

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has developed its fourth public report on data collected for the National Rehabilitation Reporting System (NRS). The NRS is a multi-faceted reporting system that provides information to support clinical activities and strategic planning while also providing an opportunity for enhancing the knowledge of inpatient rehabilitation services in policy and system management activities.



Among a number of key analyses, indicators presented in the report included the number of days patients waited for admission to a rehabilitation program, changes in motor and cognitive functional status between admission and discharge, and discharge destinations for clients leaving the rehabilitation setting. The report is intended to stimulate discussion on the needs of the inpatient rehabilitation sector and to further enhance the NRS. The report is available on CIHI's website at www.cihi.ca.

Executive Announcements

Marilyn Emery will join the New Women's College Hospital starting July 16, 2007 as the new President and Chief Executive Officer for the organization.

Humber River Regional Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jack Barkin as Chief of Staff effective May 1, 2007.

Dr. John H. Hylton is no longer with the Canadian College of Health Service Executives. While recruitment takes place, the "Office of the President Management Team" will be appointed under the leadership of Mr. John A. Borody, Vice Chair.

The OHA and The Change Foundation (TCF) are pleased to announce Kate Jackson as the new Lesotho Project Leader for OHAfrica, a joint initiative of the OHA and TCF. She will begin her new role on May 8, 2007.

Report from Queen's Park

Wait Times Efforts Continue

Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, George Smitherman, announced funding for an additional 465,000 medical procedures in support of the provincial wait time strategy. The government is investing \$281.8 million during 2007/08 to increase the total hip and knee joint replacements, cataract surgeries, cardiac procedures, cancer surgeries, MRI exams, and CT exams performed. In addition to these key services, the government will be working to reduce wait times for paediatric surgeries this year as well.

Ontarians can continue visiting the www.ontariowaittimes.com website to see how long patients are waiting for treatment in the five key services outlined in the government's strategy. Updated information is posted on the website every two months to give patients and doctors information that can help them make informed health care decisions.

New Health Care Support Coming to Vaughan

Last week, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) announced its decision to move forward with planning new hospital services for the city of Vaughan. The Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Vaughan Health Care Foundation will work together with the community and local health service providers, to assess how the new facility can best meet the growing and future health needs of patients and their families.

Ontario Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman and Finance Minister Greg Sorbara made the announcement and stated that the development of the new health care facility will begin with service level planning and an assessment of capital needs for the new hospital. While the Vaughan Health Care Foundation will work with the community to spearhead the development of this facility, the Central LHIN will provide advice on governance and capital planning for future hospital operations in Vaughan.

Action Line to Include CCACs

Effective May 1, 2007, Ontarians who receive home care or other support services can use the MOHLTC Long-Term Care Action Line to report a concern or complaint about the services they are receiving.

Minister Smitherman announced earlier this week that the MOHLTC is expanding the Long-Term Care Action Line so that home care clients receiving care through their local Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) will also have access to the service. The expansion of the Action Line is in direct response to a recommendation from Elinor Caplan's May 2006 report on improving home care services in Ontario.

Launched in 2004, the Action Line, is a toll-free telephone service originally used for residents of long-term care homes and their families to have their concerns and complaints heard.

Ontario residents can reach the Long-Term Care Action Line at 1-866-876-7658 or TTY 1-800-387-5559.



OHA Conferences

Essentials of Coaching
May 10, 2007
Canadian Management Centre
150 York St., 5th Floor, Toronto

Coaching has become a valuable skill for successful leaders, managers, and professionals in the hospital and health care environment. The Essentials of Coaching session is an interactive and participatory program that provides insights into the fundamentals of coaching based on the concepts of the Harvard ManageMentor® PLUS. Registration includes a one-year subscription to Harvard ManageMentor® PLUS at no additional cost (a \$335 value).

Harvard ManageMentor® PLUS is a valuable online desktop reference that organizations around the world use to help boost individual and corporate performance. Offering essential advice, techniques and tips for 37 different key management responsibilities in a point-and-click format, it is a fully functional and easily accessible tool. For further information, contact Rebecca at rmoonah@oha.com or 416-205-1355.

Applied Research Methods
May 23, 24 & 25, 2007
Ontario Hospital Association
200 Front St. W., Toronto

Designed to provide participants with the tools and knowledge they need to create and implement in-house research projects, this course is both practical in focus and applications-oriented. Participants will be able to directly apply course contents to a subject that interests them or their organization through the development of a three-phase project. Instructional feedback will be offered throughout the course to ensure participants are well equipped to successfully undertake their own research projects after the course's completion. For further information, contact Marisa Bavaro at mbavaro@oha.com or 416-205-1309.

Green Health Care and the New Canadian
Landscape
May 30, 2007
Holiday Inn on King
370 King St. W., Toronto

Building on the interest and 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; bringing healthy foods into health care; policy and the environment; and Canada in a warmer world – what the future holds. For further information, contact Brian Shields at shields@oha.com or 416-205-1455.

Mental Health and the Law
June 1, 2007
Radisson Admiral Hotel – Toronto
Harbourfront
249 Queen's Quay West, Toronto

While mental health care providers strive to provide quality health care and mental health services to patients, daily issues arise related to interpreting mental health laws. These include the applicability of recent court, Consent and Capacity Board (CCB) and Ontario Review Board (ORB) decisions; individual privacy, confidentiality of health information and related uses and disclosures; emergency room issues pertaining to consent, treatment and medical clearance; and off-ward privileges as they relate to voluntary/involuntary patients. This informative, one-day program will feature dynamic discussions on recent key cases affecting the mental health community, including how to effectively deal with privacy and disclosure issues as well as emergency room and medical health care issues unique to mental health. For more information, contact Shannon Byck Munday at sbyckmunday@oha.com or 416-205-1357.

OHA Conferences (continued)

Medical Staff Management: The Changing Health Care Landscape

June 11, 2007

Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel
5875 Airport Road, Mississauga

This conference will explore emerging issues in medical staff management, including the importance of security for staff, personnel and the information and data systems hospitals manage. Sessions will also focus on the means for addressing physician shortages as well as the changing demographics of medical staff, focusing on the need for performance evaluation and management in the wake of mandatory retirement elimination. Speakers will also explore the way forward by considering the role of LHINs and their impact on physicians and health care institutions. An opening keynote address will be delivered by **Dr. Ann Cavoukian**, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. For further information, contact **Brian Shields** at bshields@oha.com or 416-205-1455.

Board's Role in Quality Oversight and Improvement

June 14, 2007

Hilton Toronto Airport Hilton
5875 Airport Rd., Mississauga

Today, board members must understand key quality standards and ensure the guiding principles of quality health care are effectively adhered to within their organizations. At this conference, participants will gather useful tools for understanding the major tasks and issues of hospital quality committees. Conference participants will also familiarize themselves with key areas related to health care quality standards, including risk assessment and patient safety. This conference will provide

board members with the background and knowledge needed for successfully promoting a culture of quality within their organizations. For further information, contact **Josie Mazzola** at jmazzola@oha.com or 416-205-1356.

Leading Innovations in Supply Chain Integration

June 18, 2007

Renaissance Toronto Hotel Downtown
One Blue Jays Way, Toronto

Through roundtable discussions, guest speaker presentations and a series of concurrent sessions, this year's conference focuses on promoting quality health care through leading innovations in supply chain integration. Topics include:

- Leading practices
- Health care e-Supply chain standards
- Supply chain excellence
- Provincial audit of capital equipment
- Standardization of physician acceptance
- e-Commerce and transaction standards
- Implementing performance metrics in hospitals
- Lean Six Sigma Logistics, featuring **Robert Martichenko**, President, LeanCor

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