

# Executive Report

May 9, 2007

## Report from the OHA

### New LHIN Regulation Supports French Language

On May 5, 2007, Regulation 162/07, which sets out the composition of the French Language Health Services Advisory Council, was published in the *Ontario Gazette* and is now law. Pursuant to subsection 14(3) of the *Local Health System Integration Act*, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care is required to establish a French Language Health Services Advisory Council (Council) to advise the Minister about health and service delivery issues related to francophone communities, and the priorities and strategies for the provincial strategic plan related to those communities. Regulation 162/07 lists the seven organizations from which the Council members will be appointed. A copy of the regulation can be found at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/). For further information, contact Melissa Radolli at [mradolli@oha.com](mailto:mradolli@oha.com) or 416-205-1322.

### IPC issues Fact Sheet

Earlier this week, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) published a fact sheet about the encryption and storage of personal health information on mobile devices. The fact sheet, intended for health information custodians, contains information on types of encryption, such as whole disk (drive) encryption or device encryption, use of login password to protect personal health information, and off-site back-up. The fact sheet also contains an encryption checklist for use by health information custodians and a list of possible encryption solutions that are currently available. A copy of the IPC's fact sheet can be found at [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca) under the "What's New" section. For further information, contact Melissa Radolli at [mradolli@oha.com](mailto:mradolli@oha.com) or 416-205-1322.

### OHA HealthAchieve 2007

#### Pamela Wallin Announced as Keynote Speaker

The Ontario Hospital Association's (OHA) HealthAchieve is thrilled to add another blockbuster speaker to its already outstanding line-up for the 2007 show. Pamela Wallin, award winning journalist, diplomat and entrepreneur, will be the keynote speaker at HealthAchieve's *Rural and Northern Health Care* session on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Pamela Wallin's career has spanned more than thirty years, from CBC radio to the Ottawa bureau of the *Toronto Star*, to a stint as co-host of *Canada AM*. She also went on to become CTV's Ottawa bureau chief and anchored the weekend news. In 1992, she became the first Canadian woman to co-anchor the nightly national television newscast, *Prime Time News*, and she has just recently completed her four-year term as Consul General of Canada in New York – the prestigious post she was appointed to in 2002. Pamela Wallin's attendance at OHA HealthAchieve 2007 is in addition to an already impressive list of guest speakers, including General Colin Powell, USA (Ret.) and Her Majesty, Queen Noor. For further information and regular updates about OHA HealthAchieve, visit [www.ohahealthachieve.com](http://www.ohahealthachieve.com) or contact Susan Jacobs at [sjacobs@oha.com](mailto:sjacobs@oha.com) or 416-205-1364.

# Report on Health Care

## SickKids Opens State-of-the-Art Unit

Last week, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) opened The Mitchell Goldhar Cardiac Diagnostic and Interventional Unit. The new unit will enable Canada's largest paediatric interventional catheterization program to develop new innovations in minimally invasive alternatives for open-heart surgery.

The newly integrated unit combines the latest technology to diagnose and treat children with congenital heart disease using minimally invasive procedures that can reduce or eliminate the need for open-heart surgery.

The 18,000 square-foot unit includes two new catheterization labs with state-of-the-art equipment, an integrated magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine and a post-anaesthetic recovery area for patients.

The establishment of The Mitchell Goldhar Cardiac Diagnostic and Interventional Unit was made possible with \$23 million in combined funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and from a committed group of donors to the SickKids Foundation.

## Central East LHIN Engages Community

The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is working with the Mental Health and Addictions community to expand the membership of a renewed Mental Health and Addictions Network. The LHIN is inviting interested individuals to participate in its new Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) Network.

In March 2007, the existing provider-based MHA Network agreed to work with the LHIN to reorganize into an expanded network that, along with providers from all Central East communities, would involve interested individuals including mental health and addictions patients and their families.

The new MHA Network Steering Committee and its expanded membership will work with the LHIN to identify needs, assist

in planning, participate in implementing plans, and be a forum for communication and collaboration among all mental health and addictions stakeholders. Anyone interested in being part of the new Mental Health and Addictions Network Steering Committee is asked to review the network's Terms of Reference and complete an *Expression of Interest* form by May 11th. For more information, visit [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) or call 905-427-5497.

## Award-Winning Poster for WGH

Pat Elliott, Director of Patient Care, Operation Room and Janice Koekebakker, Operating Room nurse at Woodstock General Hospital (WGH) were recently awarded a People's Choice Award for Best Poster Presentation at the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) annual conference. Their poster, entitled "*Innovation and Leadership in Perioperative Nursing: A Vision for Change*," featured a creative partnership program with Bausch & Lomb that was designed to better serve more cataract patients while also increasing staff morale.

The ORNAC annual conference took place April 24, 25 & 26, 2007 in Victoria, BC.



# Executive Announcements

Chief of Staff, **Dr. Cassie Harnarine** for the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance has announced that **Frances C. Roesch** has accepted the full-time, newly-created position of Director, Medical Affairs effective Monday, May 7, 2007.

The Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) is pleased to announce that **Tricia Staples** has joined the organization as a Director. Ms. Staples' appointment is effective June 4, 2007.

St. John's Rehab Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Gabrielle Bochynek** to the position of Chief Human Resources Officer effective April 23, 2007.

## Report from Queen's Park

### MOHLTC Announces New Radiation Facility for RVH

Last week, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **George Smitherman** announced an investment of approximately \$4.5 million for a new mobile radiation unit at Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) in Barrie. The money will allow cancer patients throughout Simcoe-Muskoka to have access to life-saving radiation therapy at RVH a full three years before the Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre opens.

Starting this fall, Canada's first portable radiation facility will begin serving up to 400 patients annually in an attempt to reduce the time people have to wait for treatment. Currently, almost 2,000 cancer patients across this region must travel to cancer centres in Toronto for their lifesaving radiation therapy every year.

The new unit will operate while the hospital's new Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre is being built.

### Ontarians Receive Better Access to Colonoscopies

With an \$11 million investment, the MOHLTC is increasing access to colonoscopies for Ontarians. Cancer Care Ontario is distributing funds to the hospitals, monitoring the contracts and reporting on the access to colonoscopies.

Increasing access to colonoscopies is part of the government's five-year colorectal cancer screening program that was announced in January.

### Penetanguishene to Receive New Mental Health Care Facility

The MOHLTC is moving forward with plans to replace the Oak Ridge building of the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene.

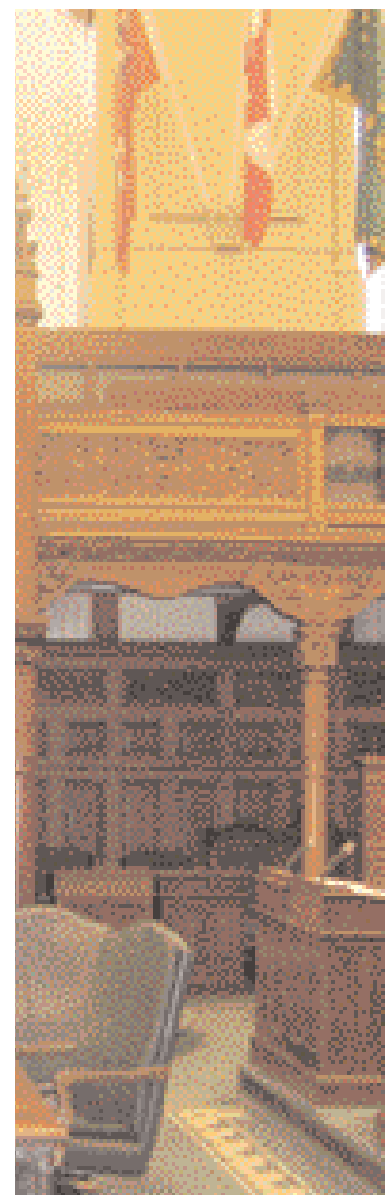
The replacement of the Oak Ridge building of the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene is one of several projects approved under ReNew Ontario and will allow the hospital to provide clients with in-patient care in new, improved facilities. The government will invest \$6 million this year to begin planning for the new facility. Construction of the new hospital building is expected to begin in 2009.

### MOHLTC Proposes Improvements for Accountability

The MOHLTC has proposed amendments to the *Health System Improvements Act* in an effort to improve safety and accountability within the Ontario health care system. Through the amendments that it has tabled, the government is proposing changes to existing provisions of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* including:

- Posting, on professional health regulatory college websites, the findings of malpractice and professional negligence, matters referred to discipline committees, and/or suspensions of members' certificates
- Requiring health care professionals found guilty of offences to report this to their regulatory college
- Requiring professional colleges to post discipline and incapacity decision summaries on the college's website

In addition to these changes, the government also intends to move forward with a regulation that requires hospitals to inform patients when errors occur as well as hospital-level reporting of critical patient safety measures to the public. The MOHLTC will work to establish a standard approach to this public reporting with leaders in the hospital sector, including the OHA.



# OHA Conferences

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

Network with your peers at the most important conference for leaders of rural and northern hospitals. Topics 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 further information, contact Brian Shields at [bshields@oha.com](mailto:bshields@oha.com) or 416-205-1455.

Navigating the Waters of Privacy and Security  
June 14, 2007  
Holiday Inn on King  
370 King St. W., Toronto

Privacy and security are significant priorities for any health care organization. This conference will assist participants in developing a heightened understanding of and access to real-life experiences related to the implementation and interpretation of privacy-related policies and procedures.

The conference will focus on the importance of privacy for health-related information and the challenges hospitals face when responding to security breaches. Featured panel discussions will further highlight experiences and responses to the *Personal Health Information Protection Act* (PHIPA).

To close the conference, there will be a joint presentation discussing the collaboration between Toronto Police Services, University Health Network and St. Michael's Hospital and their development of a policy for disclosing private information to police. Speakers include: Michelle Farrell, General Counsel, Toronto Police Services, Carole Garmaise, Legal Affairs, University Health Network and Alan Belaiche, General Counsel, St. Michael's Hospital. For further information, contact Lina Pallotta at [lpallotta@oha.com](mailto:lpallotta@oha.com) or 416-205-1306.

The ALC Challenge – Making the Most of a Difficult Situation  
June 22, 2007  
InterContinental Toronto Centre  
225 Front St. W., Toronto

Ontario's hospitals are facing a growing and very real challenge in that many are increasingly unable to discharge patients in need of alternate levels of care (ALC) in a timely fashion. With occupancy levels in hospitals already at very high levels and in the absence of the ability to discharge patients readily, admission of emergency patients is being delayed.

The inability to transition ALC patients to a more appropriate level of care is cause for concern as it is the symptom of a larger capacity issue across the continuum of care.

Health care system leaders, planners, managers and providers are invited to attend this conference not only to obtain an understanding of the scale and scope of the ALC challenges that lie ahead, but also to share the lessons learned through the many focused and collaborative efforts and research already underway. During this one-day conference, participants will learn how to maximize systemic resources to achieve short-term solutions and long-term strategies. For further information, contact Shannon Byck Munday at [sbyckmunday@oha.com](mailto:sbyckmunday@oha.com) or 416-205-1357.

Family and Patient-Centred Care  
June 25, 2007  
InterContinental Toronto Centre  
225 Front St. W., Toronto

Advancing family and patient-centred care is a multifaceted challenge that many organizations have taken on, achieving very impressive results. At the OHA's second annual Family and Patient-Centred Care conference, discussion will focus on advancing the culture of family and patient-centred care, organizational leadership, the quality of work-life and quality patient-centred care, family presence, and the patient perspective. The conference promises to be a dynamic day with excellent, thought-provoking speakers. For further information, contact Lina Pallotta at [lpallotta@oha.com](mailto:lpallotta@oha.com) or 416-205-1306.

# OHA Conferences (continued)

## Health Care Leadership Summit 2007 September 5 (evening) 6 & 7 Delta Grandview Resort Muskoka

This year's leadership summit promises to be a premier event with top notch speakers. The summit will address a variety of external factors that will continue to increase the challenge for health care leaders in the future, such as changing demographics, continuously evolving technology, escalating expectations of Board and CEO accountability, and increasing health care consumerism. This conference will explore the key elements of change after which an opportunity will be provided to discuss strategies to ensure future leaders are prepared. Don't wait! Register now at [www.oha.com/conferences](http://www.oha.com/conferences), and don't forget to book your accommodations early. For further information, contact Lina Pallotta at [lpallotta@oha.com](mailto:lpallotta@oha.com) or 416-205-1306.

## Institute for Health Care Financial Managers September 10 & 11, 2007 Renaissance Toronto Hotel Airport 801 Dixon Rd., Toronto

In conjunction with the Health Care Financial Managers Association, the OHA has designed this conference to address health care issues, improve business performance, and review finance issues in this era of health care transformation. Featured speakers, **Evan Solomon** and **Leonard Brody**, will provide an overview of creative approaches to managing and solving the complex challenges of sustainability in the 21st century and business leadership, innovation and competitiveness.

The agenda will cover a variety of topics including:

- Environmental scan of health care in Ontario
- Update from the Office of the Auditor General;
- Qualities of a chief financial officer
- Forecasting economic trends

- Career planning: An industry perspective
- Motivating the workforce, and
- Ontario Buys

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## OHA Region 1 Northwest Sub-Region Aboriginal Health Care Conference Building Collaborative Partnerships for Health Prosperity September 25-27, 2007 Thunder Bay

Awareness and understanding of blending traditional healing practices and contemporary medicine into health care for Aboriginal peoples is increasing. This has made collaboration and community-wide approaches to embracing cultural and geographic challenges a must. This in-depth, multi-stakeholder conference will highlight the opportunities for and the successes of integration and coordination. Topics include:

- Human resources planning and skills
- Cultural sensitivity training for caregivers
- Governance models
- Updates on current policy directions
- Blending traditional healings and contemporary medicine
- Live telemedicine demonstration
- Patient and child safety
- Storytelling circles hosted by Native Elders

The conference will also feature a poster display showcasing innovation and best practices in Aboriginal health care. For further information, contact Joanne Grzywna at [jgrzywna@oha.com](mailto:jgrzywna@oha.com) or 416-205-1341.



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