

Executive Report

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Report from the OHA

HealthAchieve2006 Award Winners

OHA HealthAchieve is North America's leading health care show, bringing prominent speakers and health care professionals from around the world together for three action-packed days. This year's show attracted more than 8,000 delegates and over 300 exhibitors. A number of awards were handed out recognizing excellence and leadership in health care. These awards included:

The Ted Freedman Innovation in Education Award is given to individuals or organizations that inspire, advocate and enable education in health care. This year's co-winners were the GTA Rehab Network and its partners, the Arthritis Society and the Total Joint Network, and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. This award was sponsored by Accenture.

Dr. Roger Strasser, Founding Dean of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, was awarded the inaugural Small, Rural and Northern Award of Excellence.

Winners of the International Best Practices Poster Displays were selected for sharing their best practices as they relate to the HealthAchieve2006 theme, Inspiring Ideas and Innovation. They were:

- Ontario Telehealth Network and Stroke Strategy for Southeastern Ontario
- University Health Network
- Royal Victoria Hospital
- Windsor Regional Hospital
- North York General Hospital
- William Osler Health Centre, Peel Memorial campus
- Bridgepoint Health

The Innovation in Clinical Practice Team Award is a relatively new award at HealthAchieve that was established to honour excellence in clinical practice among Ontario's health care professionals. This year's winner was Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital for the submission entitled, "Project LEA(R)N".

The R. Alan Hay Award builds upon and sustains Alan Hay's lifelong

contribution to standards of excellence in Ontario's hospitals and health care system. This year's winner of the R. Alan Hay Award is Martha Wyatt, a health administration MHSsc student at the University of Toronto.

The Nursing Award was presented to Dr. Ginette Rodger for demonstrating outstanding leadership and excellence in the nursing profession. This award was sponsored by Johnson and Johnson Medical Products.

Five hospitals received the OHA Healthy Hospital Innovators Award. The award recognizes OHA member organizations for their commitment to implementing a comprehensive and strategic approach to developing and sustaining a healthy workplace. The winners are:

- Toronto East General Hospital
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- Guelph General Hospital
- Windsor Regional Hospital

Anne Marie Males, Chief of Public Affairs and Community Relations at Rouge Valley Health System, received the Communicator of the Year award. The award is presented each year to a communications professional who demonstrates an outstanding ability and flair for advocating tirelessly on behalf of their hospitals and patients.

The Robo Award recognizes therapeutic clown practitioners for their contribution to the health and well-being of children and adults during illness, treatment, confinement or hospitalization. This year's winner was David Langdon (also known as Hubert and Onri the clown) from the The Children's Hospital of Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.

Green Health Care Awards were given to:

- St. Michael's Hospital for energy efficiency
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance for pollution prevention
- University Health Network for overall leadership

In addition, an individual leadership award was presented to Christopher Barker from Northumberland Hills Hospital.

Report on Health Care

Montfort CEO Honored with Doctorate

Montfort Hospital CEO, Gérald Savoie, 54, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa at its Fall 2006 Convocation, on October 22, 2006. The University recognized Mr. Savoie's success over the last 20 years as head of the East Ottawa Hospital. Montfort is the only Francophone teaching hospital in Ontario.

Radiothon Raises Funds for Élisabeth Bruyère Health Centre

The 580 CFRA Radiothon for the Élisabeth Bruyère Health Centre made Ottawa radio history on October 27, 2006, by raising \$1,287,000. Funds raised from the radiothon will help transform the Élisabeth Bruyère Health Centre's palliative care, rehabilitation and Geriatric Day Hospital rooms into a more home-like, warm and serene environment. Funds raised will also support research initiatives.

Bluewater Health Awards Laboratory Project

The MOHLTC has approved the awarding of the construction contract for the relocation of the laboratory at Bluewater Health - Norman Site. Through the tendering process, the contract was awarded to K&L Construction (Ontario) Ltd. The government will share in the renovation costs based on the new capital cost share policy announced in June 2006. Under this policy, the MOHLTC covers 90 per cent of eligible capital project costs. The remainder, or "local share", is covered by Bluewater Health. This project involves the relocation of the laboratory at the Norman Site. As part of the main building project, the two-storey lab building, located on the southwest corner of the facility, along with the three maintenance portables will be removed to make room for the new main entrance of the redeveloped hospital. Construction is expected to be completed in March 2007.

Guelph General Pilot Project in Emergency Department

Guelph General Hospital has been chosen as one of the six pilot sites where physician assistants and nurse practitioners will be

trained to work in emergency departments, as part of a new provincial action plan. The Emergency Department Action Plan, which is backed by \$142 million in new funding across Ontario, is meant to be a comprehensive response to the challenges faced by emergency departments. Guelph General Hospital will receive \$542,400 to enhance its emergency room capacity, which includes money for growth and also for improving emergency room processes. Also, Guelph has been recognized

as underserved in long-term care capacity. The city will get 288 new long-term care beds, and the Community Care Access Centre will receive \$533,800 in new funding for home care to address the immediate situation. Base funding for the Guelph Community Health Centre will also be increased, as will the Diabetes Complication Prevention Strategy. The Emergency Department Action Plan was built upon recommendations contained in a report on emergency care prepared by a joint committee of the OHA, the OMA and the MOHLTC, the release said. The report was released earlier this month.

Timmins Hospital Department to be Renamed

The digital imaging and cardiopulmonary department at the Timmins and District Hospital will officially be renamed the



John P. Larche Medical Imaging and Cardiopulmonary Department to honour the considerable financial support and volunteer time given by Mr. John Larche over the past 20 years. The majority of Larche's more than \$2 million in donations to the hospital has gone towards purchasing digital imaging equipment, such as a magnetic resonance imaging scanner and computed tomography imaging scanner, for the Digital Imaging/Cardio department. More than 170,000 patients from Timmins and the surrounding area have used the machines since the hospital opened in 1994, but thousands more from outside the district have used the technologies as well.

Executive Announcements

The Honourable Tony Clement, Federal Minister of Health, announced the appointment of **Darryl Plecas** to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) for a three-year term. Minister Clement also announced the re-appointment of **Dr. Robert Sheldon** for a second three-year term to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Governing Council.

CHEO is pleased to announce that **Jerry Bisson** has joined CHEO's Senior Executive Team as Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Bisson has been Chief Financial Officer for several health care organizations, including the Ottawa General Hospital, the Ottawa Hospital and more recently, SCO Health Service. His appointment took effect on October 30, 2006.

Mr. Michel Bilodeau has assumed his new responsibilities as CEO at CHEO. The CHEO Board of Trustees had announced the successful recruitment of Mr. Bilodeau this past September, following a comprehensive nationwide search. He replaces Garry Cardiff, who has retired following a 40-year career in health care management.

Report from Queen's Park

Public Education Campaign Promoting Healthy Lifestyle

On November 2, 2006, Health Promotion Minister Jim Watson unveiled a new public education campaign encouraging youth to eat healthy and be more physically active. "We know that 28 per cent of Ontario children and youth are overweight or obese and this will have a serious impact on our health care system," said Watson. "That's why we're launching a campaign that speaks directly to young people aged 12-15 about the importance of healthy eating and active living"

The campaign features an interactive website, www.noitgonmakillyou.ca, which is an easy-to access resource for youth seeking information on how to eat healthy and become and stay active. The campaign supports Ontario's Action Plan for Healthy Eating and Active Living, a comprehensive strategy for helping Ontarians achieve healthy weights.

More Than \$41 Million in Funding

The Ontario Government is upgrading and providing funding to Ontario hospitals, Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman announced on November 6, 2006. According to the details of the announcement, more than \$41 million in capital funding will be allocated between all Ontario's public hospitals for critical or high-need priority projects including:

- Structural repairs including roof replacement and windows
- Upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems
- Improvements to comply with health and

safety standards, such as upgrading back-up generators.

- Work needed to address requirements under the Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code such as upgrading fire-alarm systems

Funding is being provided through the government's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund. Every hospital will receive a minimum grant of \$150,000 per site.

"Investments in modern hospital infrastructure are investments in modern patient care services," said Hilary Short, President and CEO of the OHA. "Today's announcement will help every hospital in Ontario move forward with needed upgrades and repairs to facilities that are, on average, 43 years old."

Under the province's ReNew Ontario investment infrastructure plan announced in May, the McGuinty government and its partners will invest \$5 billion over the next five years to improve health care facilities.

Funding Supports Planning for Expansion at St. Michael's Hospital

The Ontario Government is providing a \$2 million grant to St. Michael's Hospital to develop a proposal and business case for a capital project to expand patient care services at the corner of Queen and Victoria Streets. The proposal by St. Michael's could include laterally expanding patient care space, a lobby and two mechanical rooms.



OHA Conferences

Exploring Ontario's e-Health Readiness January 18, 2007 Renaissance Toronto Downtown

Effective, efficient and high quality health care is being enhanced by introduction of e-Health.

The 2006 e-Health Readiness Survey reports how far hospitals are from achieving the ability to electronically collect, use and share health information. This one-day conference will explore the results of this year's survey, provide participants with tools to understand and use the data and an opportunity to work with colleagues on practical applications and future planning.

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Hospital Report Series Continues Into 2007

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is pleased to note that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is supporting the continuation of the Hospital Report series for 2007. In 2007, the series will consist of e-Scorecard updates for each of the Acute Care, Emergency Department Care, Complex Continuing Care and Rehabilitation sectors. New for Hospital Report 2007 is the inclusion of Paediatric Patient Satisfaction indicators and an online System Integration and Change survey (to be distributed in December 2006). The survey has been reduced in size and is easier to complete in this new format.

As in previous years, participation in the Hospital Report series is voluntary. Participating hospitals are provided access to the e-Scorecard, a shared password-protected electronic database that includes hospital-specific indicator values for participating hospitals. Other participating hospitals and Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) planners will have access to the e-Scorecard. The e-Scorecard also includes previous years' data for trending purposes.

The data of hospitals that chose not to participate will be used to determine the provincial averages in the Clinical Utilization and Outcomes and Finance Performance and Condition quadrants and LHIN averages. However, their hospital-specific results will not be included in the e-Scorecard.

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