

Prince Edward Health Service Alliance

Information Bulletin #1

From:

PEHSA Interim Executive Committee

Subject:

Initial planning for the Prince Edward Health Service Alliance

Background

This message is intended to provide you with information on the proposal to create a not-for-profit Prince Edward Health Services Alliance (PEHSA) within the planning and operational framework established by the SE LHIN to support the establishment of sustainable integrated health services in Prince Edward County.

The proposal was developed by an informal working group which was convened by Mayor Leo Finnegan, consisting of community members of the County's Health Services Advisory Committee (HAC) assisted by several expert advisors and with the involvement and support of a number of local community organizations and agencies.

After initial discussion with representatives of the SE LHIN, the draft proposal was released to the media on April 27. On May 7, it was formally presented by HAC member, Mark Larratt-Smith on behalf of the working group to a special meeting of the Health Care Advisory Committee which included Graham Scott, the Government appointed Supervisor of QHC. The presentation was favourably received by the Committee which noted the need to expedite the development of a business plan for implementing the proposal, while, at the same time providing further information sessions for the community. (Copies of the draft proposal and the presentation are available through the Secretary of the HAC, Karen Kirby at 613/476-2148 ext. 242)

Establishment of an Interim Executive Committee (IEC)

In order to proceed with the next steps outlined in the presentation the working group agreed to establish an "Interim Executive Committee" to initiate the planning necessary to turn the proposal into reality. This Interim Executive Committee will provide regular reports to the County Healthcare Advisory Committee and will provide periodic email information bulletins to potential members of the Alliance and to interested residents of the County. It will also organize public meetings to discuss significant issues or developments as needed.

The initial membership of the IEC will include the following County residents:

Dr. Greg Higgins
Mark Larratt-Smith

Sandy Latchford
Debbie MacDonald-Moynes
Richard Potter
Marc Somerville
Duff Sprague
Herb Stone

It is intended that one or more representatives of QHC will be added to the committee shortly. A representative of the South East LHIN will be invited to attend and participate as an observer. It is also intended to approach Queen's University to participate as a partner in this venture and to appoint a member to the committee.

Advisors to the committee will include:

David Redgrave (retired senior Ontario Government economist and demographer)
Arthur Ronald (retired Lennox and Addington Community Hospital CEO)
Dr. Michael Shannon (medical doctor and executive with broad health care project management experience at the national level)

The intention is that the IEC will be disbanded with the establishment of the PEHSA to provide a broader and more formal ongoing governance structure.

Proposed Next Steps

The immediate task before the IEC will be to prepare a proposal for the development of a Business Plan which will cover all aspects of the PEHSA initiative, including addressing the following components:

1. Campus Facilities Development
2. Capacity and Demand
3. Governance.
4. Financial Resources and Accountability.
5. Research and Development
6. Community Relationships
7. Initial Proof-of-Concept Projects

This initial proposal will identify the tasks that will have to be completed in each of these areas in order to prepare the Business Plan and will set out the resources required. Our objective will be to have this proposal submitted to the Government for approval and funding before the end of June.

Once approvals and funding have been received, the second task will be to establish a project team to develop the full Business Plan under the direction of the IEC. The objective is to complete this work by the end of October 2009 with the expectation that it will then be possible to receive approval from the LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in time to establish the PEHSA and implement its Business Plan early in 2010.