



NEWS RELEASE

QUINTE HEALTH CARE ANNOUNCES ADVISORY MEMBERS

BELLEVILLE, ON – January 15, 2010 – Quinte Health Care (QHC) today announced the first 31 people who will serve as Advisory Members of the Corporation and help to improve two-way communication between the hospital and the community it serves.

“These Advisory Members were recommended by the municipalities, foundations and auxiliaries,” said Graham Scott, QHC Supervisor. “Together, they represent the diversity of people and areas that QHC serves and will play a valuable role in enhancing community involvement in the hospital.”

The 31 members were recommended by the municipal/county councils of five of the six primary areas served by QHC; the three foundations that support QHC and the four auxiliaries. An additional five nominees are pending from the Town of Bancroft, the City of Brighton and the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Another 18 members “at large” will be elected to make up the 54 Advisory Members of QHC.

The initial group of members will create an Interim Nominations Committee later this month and the “at-large” positions will be advertised in local media with the goal of having all Advisory Members in place no later than March 31. The Interim Nominations Committee will short list the applications and recommend the 18 additional members for appointment. Once all 54 Advisory Members are in place they will be invited to apply to serve on several Board committees.

The rights and responsibilities of 54 Advisory Members of QHC are: nominating rights and entitlement to apply for appointment to Board committees; attendance at QHC annual and member meetings; receipt of updates on hospital activities, financial statements and the auditors’ report; and serving as an advisory group for the Board of Directors and CEO to provide periodic advice on planning and priority setting. Members are appointed for a three-year term.

The Advisory Member model was recommended by the six-person Community Advisory Council that was appointed in June 2009 by QHC Supervisor Graham Scott.

The Advisory Members of QHC are:

City of Belleville

Jodie Jenkins
Rick MacIvor
Richard Smith

Municipality of Brighton

David Graham
Raymond Lobban
One additional member to be confirmed

County of Prince Edward

Don Houghton
John Lambert
Barbara Proctor

City of Quinte West

Terry Broderick
Chandra Davis
Penny Reid

County of Hastings

Charles Mullett
Doug Mumford
Nancy Borden

Town of Bancroft

Three members to be confirmed

Belleville General Hospital Foundation

Karen Baker
Mike Bandler
Laurel Harrison
Syd Richardson

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation

Randy Claxton

Herb Stone

One additional member to be confirmed

Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation

Dan Koets

Cynthia Schmidt

John Smylie

Belleville General Hospital Auxiliary

Mary Bould

Bev Kennedy

Trenton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Beverley Dobson

Edith Hayton

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Fran Donaldson

Barbara Fairbairn

North Hastings Auxiliary

Sandra George

Darlene O'Farrell

Quinte Health Care (QHC) is a 285-bed hospital with four sites in Bancroft, Belleville, Picton and Quinte West. It employs over 1600 staff and over 280 doctors have privileges. QHC serves in excess of 160,000 residents living in an area of 7,000 square kilometers, including Prince Edward and Hastings Counties and a portion of Northumberland County.

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