

## **Media Release**

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### **Health System Plan Maps Future of Health Care Delivery**

*Central West LHIN Board accepts innovative roadmap to increase access to health services*

The Board of Directors of the Central West Local Health Integrated Network received in principle a detailed system vision and plan for the development of a comprehensive and integrated system of community and hospital-based health services.

The Health System Plan final draft report outlines a number of strategic goals for a person-centred, community-based health system, including reinforcing the expectation that people improve their health by making healthy lifestyle choices and that health service providers share accountability for improved health care outcomes.

No one organization or sector can individually address all the public's health care needs. Health service providers will work together in a new and fundamentally different way, as though there is one fully integrated organization with one common goal – the improvement of the health status of the residents of the Central West LHIN.

Community-based health services are viewed as the first point of contact for residents of the Central West LHIN, with the goal to provide more services which supports health and well-being closer to where people live.

The report recommends a fully integrated hospital system which provides a comprehensive range of services to meet the needs of Central West LHIN residents and support the community-based service providers.

#### **Quotes:**

"Health service providers are fundamentally changing, working together and providing services at the right locations by the right provider under a common goal across the LHIN," said Joe McReynolds, Board Chair, Central West LHIN. "Health service providers cannot operate in solos. They need to deliver services locally and manage in an integrated regional model."

"Members of the public and health service providers are very passionate about healthcare and services in their communities," said Mimi Lowi-Young, CEO of Central West LHIN. "Our goal is to ensure local core services are accessible and delivered closer to home by making the first point of contact in the health system community based, rather than hospital based."

#### **Quick Facts:**

- The Health System Plan report was prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Agnew Peckham Health Care Consultants and HCM Group Inc.
- A copy of the final report is available on our [website](#)

**About the Central West Local Health Integration Network**

The role of the Central West LHIN is to plan, integrate and fund local health services – with an overall vision to ensure that our local health system helps people stay healthy, delivers good care when they need it, and will be there for their children and grandchildren.

The Central West LHIN continues to collaboratively work with health services providers and communities to ensure that our local health system is improving access to and the quality of our health services in an integrated and fiscally responsive manner.

The Central West LHIN was designated by Ontario's Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care to plan, integrate and fund local health services in our area. We fund health service providers including a community care access centre, a community health centre, community support services, hospitals, long-term care homes, and mental health and addiction agencies throughout the Central West LHIN including, Brampton, Caledon, Dufferin County, Malton, Woodbridge and north Etobicoke.

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