

Governance & Leadership Forum
Moving Forward - IHSP 4

Welcome Remarks

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Good evening everyone,

In what is becoming a regular and welcomed sight, it is once again great to see such a strong turnout from across the health care sector!

My name is Maria Britto and, as Chair of the Central West Local Health Integration Network Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to this Governance and Leadership Forum.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow Board members by asking them to stand... and I am pleased to introduce the LHIN's newest Board members... Adrian Bitz and Jeff Payne.

Both are strong additions who bring skills that complement and add significant value to the Board's current wealth of experience and expertise.

At the Central West LHIN we are fortunate to work with a highly engaged group of Health Service Providers and community partners.

Having recently signed an accountability agreement, Peel Senior Link becomes the newest Health Service Provider directly funded by the Central West LHIN.

Wayne, Ray and Dan... welcome... it is good to have formalized the relationship.

Also joining us this evening are students from the 2nd Rotman cohort group... current and emerging health care leaders from across the LHIN. Welcome!

At the last Governance and Leadership Forum, the Central West LHIN asked for your input regarding its fourth Integrated Health Service Plan.

It was a launching point of sort, for what would become a summer full of activity.

And, throughout the summer, the LHIN has been hard at work developing the next phase of its commitment... to transform the local health care system into one that places the needs of LHIN residents first.

A commitment that takes the form of IHSP 4.

This evening the LHIN is pleased to share with you the results of this work, and to once again obtain your valuable feedback on how together we can and will continue to make healthy change happen.

To realize the LHIN's vision, and fulfill its mission and mandate, IHSP 4 lays out a set of strategic directions and initiatives which, while similar, represent an evolution of those identified in IHSP 3.

They are rooted in the common vision and priorities of Ontario's *Patients First*: Action Plan for Health Care, and the common objectives of Ontario's 14 LHINs.

Most of all, they reaffirm a commitment to put people and patients at the centre of their health care system... improving their health care experience and health outcomes.

Since 2006, the Central West LHIN has been a significant driver of healthy change.

And, while there will always be room for improvement, an increasing number of local residents feel their local health care system has changed for the better.

Because of the collaborative efforts of everyone in this room, the local health care system is further ahead today than it was back then.

It is a point not lost, and one for which I am extremely proud.

We have a busy and important night ahead.

First, we will take a few moments to open up the floor for participants to share their latest news.

Then, Scott McLeod, CEO of the Central West LHIN, will set the context by taking us through the development of IHSP 4... what has happened since May.

With the context set, we will welcome back John Whincup and the team from OPTIMUS SBR, as they take us through an understanding of IHSP 4... and table discussions designed to spark discussions on the messages you've heard.

I trust you will have an enjoyable and informative evening, and I would now like to ask Jeff Payne to come up and take us through the next segment.

Jeff.