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SE LHIN AND QHC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE OPEN DISCUSSION

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South East LHIN Board Chair Georgina Thompson today invited representatives from Quinte Health Care who had been part of a November meeting with Minister of Health and Long-Term Care David Caplan to the LHIN office for further dialogue.

Two items were discussed at length: recent media coverage that may be perceived as confusing or misleading at times as well as the QHC Board's recent resolution regarding the Self Improving System. An update was also provided regarding the process for the third party review of QHC's budget mitigation strategies.

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"We all have the same interests at heart – we want to ensure that quality, safe patient care is available for the residents served by Quinte Health Care," said Georgina Thompson, Chair of the South East LHIN. "We also want to ensure the staff of QHC that we appreciate the excellent work they are doing."

"The third party review process will not include a review of EC Murphy Walsh (the Self Improving System)," said Paul Huras, Chief Executive Officer, SE LHIN. "QHC had an excellent oversight process for the worklife mapping exercise. It involved talking to staff about what they needed to make their lives better. The longer you delay implementing the report, the less you will get out of it."

QUICK FACTS

- The Board Chairs and CEOs of QHC and the SE LHIN have finalized Terms of Reference for the Third Party Review. The reviewer will examine strategies put forward by QHC Management, and may suggest revisions, additions, deletions, etc. Those strategies will then be presented to the QHC Board before going out to the public for consultation.
- The process to recruit a reviewer is currently underway. The SE LHIN Board will review the current deadlines at its Dec. 18 meeting.

LEARN MORE

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the third party review is available as the Backgrounder attached to the Nov. 24 news release :QHC and SE LHIN develop terms of reference for review" available at www.southeastlhin.on.ca .

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