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Acting Chair Wynn Turner Confirmed as Chair of SE LHIN Board

Belleville, Ontario (March 5, 2012) – Wynn Turner has been confirmed in her new capacity as Chair of the South East LHIN Board effective immediately. Ms. Turner, who was appointed Acting Chair in June, 2011 to succeed outgoing Chair Georgina Thompson, has been a Board member since November, 2008.

Board Chairs and Directors are appointed by the Provincial Government through an Order-in-Council for a term of one to three years, renewable for two terms up to a six-year maximum. Prior to assuming her role as Acting Chair last June, Ms. Turner had served as Vice-Chair and had been active on the Board's Governance/Finance Committee and the Collaborative Governance Team. She has worked at the Executive Director/Administrator level in organizations with a variety of governance structures. More detail on her specific experience can be found by visiting:

www.southeastlhin.on.ca.

In stepping into her new role as Chair of the SE LHIN Board, Ms. Turner expressed her determination to strengthen collaborative governance and working relationships with Health Service Provider organizations across the south east. A major first step in that direction has already been taken with the formation of the SE LHIN Collaborative Governance & Community Engagement Committee of the Board.

The committee will seek to engage with HSP partners in developing good governance principles of integration, collaboration, systems thinking, quality care and patient safety in ways that will achieve tangible progress within all sectors of the south east health care delivery system. Whether by helping to coordinate a system-wide approach to health planning, or paving the way for integration initiatives, the Collaborative Governance & Community Engagement Committee will look for ways to establish a common platform on which the Boards of Health Service Providers can work closely and effectively with the LHIN Board in improving access to quality care for residents of the region. It will be co-chaired by Dave Sansom of the SE LHIN Board and Carol Wannamaker representing the Community sectors.

The sectors to be represented on this new committee will include Community Support, Public Health, Long Term Care, Community Health Centres, Other Primary Care, Hospitals, the CCAC, Mental Health and Addictions, Academia and the community at large.

Quotes

"I am gratified to have been appointed to the role of Board Chair of the South East LHIN, and for the opportunity it provides to develop closer working relationships with the Boards of our Health Service Provider partners across the south east." - Wynn Turner, Chair, SE LHIN Board

"I know that Wynn's appointment will solidify the LHIN's ability to build a truly regional system of integrated care throughout this region." – Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

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