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### ***South East LHIN Announces Appointment of Acting Board Chair***

**Belleville, Ontario (May 30, 2011)** - South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board Chair Georgina Thompson today announced the appointment of Vice-Chair Wynn Turner as Acting Board Chair for the SE LHIN, effective June 9, 2011.

Ms. Turner assumes her new role following Georgina's completion of two full terms (six years) of service as Board Chair that draw to a close June 8, 2011.

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. Ms. Turner will preside as Acting Chair until a new Board Chair is appointed, likely this fall. She comes to this role after three years as a member of the SE LHIN Board, where, in addition to serving as Vice-Chair she has been active on the Board's Governance/Finance committee and the Collaborative Governance Development Team.

As the "founding" Board Chair who took up her duties when the SE LHIN was first formed in 2005, Georgina Thompson has been a driving force in shaping and guiding the governance and fiduciary responsibilities of the LHIN as it works to improve access to quality health care for the 500,000 residents of the south east. Under her leadership:

- Two Integrated Health Service Plans (IHSPs) were developed to outline the health care priorities the LHIN would adopt to best serve the residents of this region
- Arising out of these, a Clinical Services Roadmap initiative has been launched that will result in a truly integrated regional system of care and improve access for all residents to the right care in the right place at the right time
- A Back Office Integration Project has been introduced that will consolidate and streamline the administrative and financial processes of Community Service agencies, thereby enabling them to devote more time and attention to front line client service

In addition to her many accomplishments within the SE LHIN, Georgina has become best-known and highly-recognized across the province for her unique approach to collaborative governance and foundation-building. Rather than accept the status quo that saw them work in isolation, she has succeeded in drawing together Board Chairs from hospitals, community support service agencies and the Community Care Access Centre, to work together in finding joint solutions to common challenges in the delivery of health care services across the southeast.

In announcing Ms. Turner's appointment as Acting Chair, Georgina also welcomed two new members to the SE LHIN Board and bade farewell to a departing board member whose term is also drawing to a close.

These include:

- John Ferguson, first appointed in June, 2007, who will depart the board when his term expires on June 19, 2011. John has served the SE LHIN Board as a member of the CEO Performance Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance/Governance Committee
- David Sansom, whose term began May 4, 2011. David comes to the SE LHIN Board from his past career in Canada's Chemical Industry and his years of working with, and on behalf of, Seniors Outreach Services.
- Neville Darrell, whose term begins June 20, 2011. Neville is a semi-retired Labour and Industrial Relations Executive who has served with the Salvation Army and on the board of the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

For more details on each of these individuals, please go to [www.southeastlhin.on.ca](http://www.southeastlhin.on.ca)

### **Quotes:**

*"As Acting Chair I look forward to building on the solid successes we have achieved as a board over the past six years. My fellow board members and I are fully committed to continuing to build a system of integrated patient care that will improve quality, safety and service efficiency, and we will engage our communities and work with our health service providers to improve the overall patient experience all residents deserve."*

**-Wynn Turner, Acting Chair, SE LHIN Board**

*"In welcoming our newly-appointed Acting Chair and our new board members, I want to acknowledge, gratefully, the accomplishments of our outgoing Chair Georgina Thompson. She has worked tirelessly and effectively to establish a governance model that affords us the momentum we need to continue providing all residents across this region with the highest-possible quality of care. It has been a pleasure and an honour to have worked with Georgina."*

**-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN**

*“Under the excellent stewardship of Georgina Thompson, the South East LHIN has become a model for partnership and collaboration between Health Service Providers as they work, together, to create a better health system for their residents. I know that Wynn Turner will provide the leadership to continue building on this ideal in improving access to quality, patient-centred, care.”*

**-Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**

*“Over the past six years in which it has been my privilege to fulfill the role of Board Chair, I have always been proud of the accomplishments we have achieved and grateful for the support and encouragement from my fellow Board members, our CEO, and the dedicated team of SE LHIN staff specialists who work so hard on behalf of residents across our region.”*

**-Georgina Thompson, Outgoing Chair, SE LHIN Board**

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