

To: All Health Service Providers
From: Bill MacLeod, CEO

RE: MISSISSAUGA HALTON LHIN GO FORWARD STRATEGY FOR AGING AT HOME

Over the past few months, considerable work has been undertaken by the MH LHIN through its *Seniors Health and Wellness Team* and the *Appropriate Level of Care Committee* to frame the Mississauga Halton LHIN's approach to its investment strategy for the Aging at Home initiative. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this initiative. We are delighted to provide you with an update on this initiative.

Investments in 2008-09

Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation that outlines the Mississauga Halton LHIN's 2008/09 Aging at Home investments.

Moving Forward

On July 9th, 2008, the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (MH LHIN) launched the next phase of community engagement activities related to services for seniors with a community consultation at the Mississauga Central Library.

Information from this consultation and upcoming focus groups will inform the LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan's (IHSP) priority of Enhancing Seniors' Health, Wellness and Quality of Life, which will enable execution of the LHIN's Aging at Home Strategy.

While the MH LHIN takes pride in the quality of existing programs and services available to seniors in our community, there are many opportunities to "work together differently" to better meet the needs of our diverse community: to improve access to care, enhance coordination of services and improve system navigation for our senior population. Particular attention must be given to meeting the unique needs of our diverse population in ways which are culturally sensitive and build upon community capacity. Providing the "right care at the right time" will not only enhance seniors' experience with the health care system, but improve patient safety, optimize the use of scarce human resources and create efficiencies in the larger health system.

Creation of a locally-responsive, effective, efficient, integrated health system will require a willingness of all health service providers within the MH LHIN to consider how best to meet our community's current and future needs within finite resources. This will necessitate working in new ways with both existing and new partners from within and external to the traditional health care

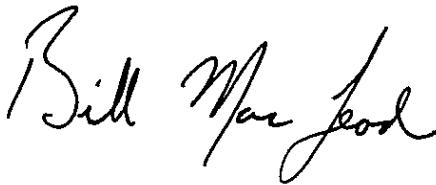
system. It will also require the adoption of innovative practices to use existing or new resources more effectively.

We are excited about the opportunities for system redesign that lie ahead, and look forward to building on the local skills, expertise and insights that each of you can contribute.

As a first step in this process, please find attached the Go Forward Strategy for Aging at Home and LHIN's Community Engagement Strategy with seniors, and their families, informal caregivers and circle of support.

Please continue to visit our website, www.mississaugahaltonlhin.on.ca, for the latest updates on the Aging at Home Strategy and Community Engagement process.

If you require additional information about the Aging at Home Strategy or Community Engagement Strategy, please feel free to contact Narendra Shah our Chief Operating Officer or Priti Patel, Aging at Home Lead at 905-337-7131 ext.222 or via email at priti.patel@lhins.on.ca or any members of the team.



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