

Final

Appointment of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Investigator

Media Technical Briefing

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Background

- I am here today to inform you that the Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins, has appointed an Investigator to Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA)
- Letters were transmitted to each of the board chairs of the alliance approximately 75 minutes ago notifying them of the appointment
- At this time, the ESC LHIN and MOHLTC do not support the request to dissolve the current governance relationship of the Alliance

Background

- All possible avenues for reconciliation need to be explored; in the best interest of patients and the community
- The recommendation for the Investigator was provided by the Erie St. Clair LHIN to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, in regards to community concerns around the future of health care at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance's sites
- In order to obtain an objective and independent third party review, an Investigator was proposed as the most appropriate recommendation at this time

Investigator Appointed to CKHA

- Following the recommendation from the Erie St. Clair LHIN to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, an Investigator has been appointed to work with the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
- This action will ensure sound management and governance at the Hospitals, and ensure there's no impact on patient care quality for the community
- Appointing an Investigator will ultimately strengthen the Hospitals' governance, accountability, and ability to deliver the best possible care to their patients

Who was Appointed?

- Ms. Bonnie Adamson has extensive health care management and governance experience in both urban and rural settings including senior leadership roles at London Health Sciences Centre, North York General Hospital, and Huron Perth Hospital Partnership. Ms. Adamson is also a fellow at the Canadian College of Health Leaders and the American College of Healthcare Executives
- Ms. Adamson holds a master's degree in nursing administration from Western University and an undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Toronto
- Ms. Adamson also chaired the Erie St. Clair LHIN's Expert Panel on Leamington and Area Obstetrics/Birthing Services

Terms of Reference

- According to the Terms of Reference provided, *“The Investigator will examine and report on issues related to the governance and management of Public General Hospital Society of Chatham (PGH), St. Joseph’s Health Services Association of Chatham (SJH), and Sydenham District Hospital (SDH) [known collectively as the “Chatham-Kent Health Alliance” (CKHA)].”*
- The Investigator does not assume the authority of the current Hospital Boards or senior management of the Hospitals

As noted in the Terms of Reference, the Investigator will:

- Identify new strategies and/or next steps to respond to issues identified in the investigation including a governance model or models for hospital services in Chatham-Kent
- Investigate, evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of service, the service protocols and the capabilities of the PGH and SDH Emergency Departments and the support relationship required of the SDH Emergency Department with the PGH Emergency Department

Next Steps

- Timelines with key milestones to be developed by the Investigator
- The Minister will receive advice from the Investigator
- Appropriate action will be determined following the review
- Information, if available, will be found at www.eriestclairhin.on.ca

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Questions...

Thank you

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