

## **Toronto Central LHIN Announces New Appointments to the Board of Directors**

***Directors expanded to twelve members by Order in Council appointments***

**TORONTO, ON (June 26, 2017)** – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Sadlier-Brown, Myra Libenson, Natasha VandenHoven and Dunbar Russel as the newest members of the Toronto Central LHIN Board of Directors by Order in Council.

As the Toronto Central LHIN takes on its expanded mandate that includes the coordinating and contracting of home and community care services, the Board of Directors is expanding from 9 to 12 members, with three of the new appointments former Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Board members. Both Carol Perry and John Fraser are completing their terms as board members and will leave the Toronto Central LHIN board in June, 2017.

The appointment of new Directors and expansion of the board will ensure the Toronto Central LHIN has the leadership and governance capacity required to carry out existing and new responsibilities following the transition of the Toronto Central CCAC services and staff to the LHIN on June 7<sup>th</sup> and that we continue to be representative of the local community.

Through the Chair, Board Directors are accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for each LHIN's use of public funds and its performance in the local health care system.

### ***Karen Sadlier-Brown – Appointment effective May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017***

Karen joins from the Toronto Central CCAC Board and is a former Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ontario Ministry of Finance and with the Ontario Financing Authority. During her career with the Ontario government, she was responsible for numerous high profile projects that included participating in the development of provincial budgets and representing the government on an international environmental and water management task force. She has served on the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation and currently volunteers with the St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Program. Karen holds a Bachelor of Arts from Memorial University and a Masters of Public Administration from Queen's University.

### ***Myra Libenson – Appointment effective May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017***

Myra joins from the Toronto Central CCAC Board and has more than 30 years of finance and operations experience in performance measurement, business planning, budgeting, risk management and financial reporting. Currently an entrepreneur, Myra's previous roles include Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer at the CPP Investment Board. Prior to joining the CPP Investment Board, Myra held several executive roles at Great West Life Inc. and Canada Life. Myra holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Vassar College. She has served on various volunteer boards including Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto.

**Dunbar Russel - Appointment effective June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

Dunbar is a corporate director, serving on the boards of Accerta Claims Servcorp as Chair, Fiduciary Trust as Chair of the Conduct Review Committee, and the Canadian Blood Services. He also chairs the Finance and Audit Committee of Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. He has extensive experience in Canada's financial services industry. He has worked as a senior executive at MONY Life Insurance Company of Canada, Ontario Blue Cross, TD Bank Financial Group and President's Choice Financial. As a volunteer, Mr. Russel has served as a board member of a number of community organizations, including the North York General Hospital and Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto as Chair, and as a board member of Wycliffe College and the North Toronto Hockey Association. Mr. Russel holds a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario, as well as ICD.D and CFA designations.

**Natasha VandenHoven – Appointment effective June 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Natasha joins from the Toronto Central CCAC Board and is a partner in the Pensions & Benefits, Labour & Employment, Trusts & Estates, Corporate Governance and Taxation practices at the Davies law firm in Toronto. Prior to joining Davies, Natasha held the roles of Senior Vice President, Research, Human Resources and Corporate Counsel at one of the leading global human capital and management consulting firms. In these roles, she managed the national human resources function and national research department, and oversaw all Canadian legal matters.

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I would like to thank the departing board members Carol and John for their contributions to the Toronto Central LHIN and the wider health care system. I'm also very thankful to the new Board members in taking on their role on the Board of Directors in these exciting times through the transition at the Toronto Central LHIN. I look forward to working with all the new members of the Toronto Central LHIN Board of Directors in building a healthier Ontario.

- *Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care*

I would like to thank both Carol and John for their stewardship and invaluable contributions to the Toronto Central LHIN over the past three years. I am pleased to welcome Dunbar, Karen, Myra and Natasha to the Toronto Central LHIN. We are fortunate to have such accomplished individuals helping to guide our organization through these exciting times of change. Their combined experience will only help strengthen our ability to design an integrated healthcare system that is equitable, responsive to local needs, easier to navigate and improves the healthcare outcomes for patients and their families.

- *Susan Fitzpatrick, CEO Toronto Central LHIN*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome the new board members and thank the departing directors for their many years of service. I'm excited to move forward with our future goal as we work towards improving the healthcare for the 1.2 million residents within our area and the thousands of Ontarians who come to the City of Toronto for care.

- *Dr. Vivek Goel - Board Chair, Toronto Central LHIN*

## QUICK FACTS:

- The role of the LHIN Board of Directors is to oversee, advise on and govern the strategic direction and priorities of the LHIN.
- The Chair and the Board of Directors are appointed based on their expertise, experience, leadership skills and the needs of the LHIN and, through the Chair, are accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.
- Directors are appointed by an Order-in-Council through a process administered by the Public Appointments Secretariat for a term of up to three years, and may be re-appointed for an additional term or terms to a maximum of six years.
  
- The Toronto Central LHIN's Board of Directors includes:
  - Dr. Vivek Goel, Chair
  - Maurice Hudon, Vice-Chair
  - Yasmin Meralli, Director
  - Christopher Hoffmann, Director
  - Felix Wu, Director
  - Pamela Griffith-Jones, Director
  - Jason Madden, Director
  - Carolyn Acker, Director
  - Myra Libenson, Director
  - Karen Sadlier-Brown, Director
  - Dunbar Russel, Director
  - Natasha VandenHoven (Effective 27th June 2017), Director

## About the Toronto Central LHIN

Toronto Central LHIN has the highest concentration of health services in Ontario with more than 170 health service providers delivering 210 programs. The Toronto Central LHIN is responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services that meet the needs of 1.2 million residents and thousands of other Ontarians who come to Toronto for care. We coordinate high quality home and community care services, access to qualified care providers and community-based services to help people come home from hospital or live independently at home.

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