

Minister Hoskins calls for collaboration to transform health care system

November 4, 2015 – In his remarks at the HealthAchieve Conference in Toronto today, Minister Hoskins indicated that it is time for "deeper integration" and in so doing "reconsider the relationship between our CCACs and the LHINs". The Minister cited Rural Health Hubs, Health Links and the St. Joe's Hamilton Integrated Funding as examples of integrated care.

Home Care Ontario supports the motivation to improve health equity and create a system that "puts patients first". Members of the Association believe that within health care, there must be a willingness to examine current practices, test new approaches and undertake rigorous evaluation of all aspects of the system.

The Association welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Minister and all health system partners to implement effective strategies in order to advance home and community care in Ontario by providing consistent quality care to people who need it.

Home Care Ontario will continue to offer insight, guidance and advice in order to answer the concerns of Ontarians and achieve a quality system that delivers consistent care and services in a timely, effective and efficient manner.

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Home Care Ontario, *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, service provider organizations are responsible for providing nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.

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