

## Community Members Sought for LHIN's Patient and Family Advisory Committee

### NEWS

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Patients, families and caregivers are encouraged to participate in the new Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN).

The HNHB LHIN's PFAC will aim to assist in shaping the LHIN's programs, services and initiatives designed to improve care locally. The role of a PFAC member is to share his or her unique stories, experiences, opinions and perspectives in order to strengthen engagement of patients, caregivers and the public in important local health planning decisions and policies.

The PFAC will consist of 10-15 members. Members will be recruited and selected to ensure diversity that is reflective of the LHIN's population and will also represent patient, family/caregiver experiences across different health care settings. The PFAC will meet no less than four times per year.

Interested individuals who live within the HNHB LHIN region are invited to submit an Expression of Interest for consideration as a member of the PFAC by 9:00 a.m. August 14, 2017.

LHINs continue to learn from patients, families and caregivers what they value most in our health care system. In order to improve health outcomes and experiences, patients and families across Ontario must feel empowered enough to engage and have a strong voice to help shape care delivery. LHINs are committed to partnering and listening to patients and families to ensure that changes in the health care system reflect the needs and opinions of those it serves.

Expanding patient engagement across the health care system is a key commitment articulated in the Patients First Act. A key element of this approach is the establishment of patient advisory committees in each of Ontario's 14 LHINs and information sharing between these committees.

### QUOTES

"We value the unique voices of patients, families and caregivers and are committed to working together to dramatically improve the patient experience for individuals throughout our LHIN. Participating in the development of local health care solutions by joining the LHIN's Patient and Family Advisory Committee offers community members an opportunity to contribute to the transformation of the local health care system."

- Donna Cripps, Chief Executive Officer, HNHB LHIN

## QUICK FACTS

- [Watch a video message from HNHB LHIN Board Chair, Janine van den Heuvel and CEO Donna Cripps](#), speaking to the importance of the patient voice and encouraging individuals to apply to join the Patient and Family Advisory Committee.
- The draft Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest can be found on the HNHB LHIN website at [www.hnhblhin.on.ca](http://www.hnhblhin.on.ca).
- With a budget of more than \$3 billion, and covering Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Burlington and most of Norfolk, the HNHB LHIN is home to a diverse population of more than 1.4 million people.
- The HNHB LHIN, a crown agency of the government of Ontario, plans and funds the local health care system by working with 188 providers as well as delivering and coordinating home and community care for more than 85,000 people across the LHIN.
- [On December 7, 2016, Ontario passed the \*Patients First Act\*](#), legislation that will help deliver better health care for patients and families.

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