

Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the CHAO Quarterly Newsletter

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SO, HOW DO YOU LIKE US SO FAR?

We hope you enjoyed the inaugural edition of the CHAO Quarterly newsletter. Based on feedback we received, members liked the format and particularly, the news from around the Province. A major goal of the newsletter is to invigorate a sense of camaraderie between and amongst CHAO members. Hopefully, with a regular diet of news items that celebrate the accomplishments, changes and challenges of CHAO members, this will be achieved. We look forward to your hearing from you on what's happening in your part of the Province and for any feedback you might have to help us improve the Newsletter.

Lil Bergamo, Chair

Ron Marr, CEO

CHAO Website- www.chaont.ca

We have launched the new CHAO website- www.chaont.ca. With a lot of help from Greg Humbert at the Catholic Health Association of Canada, our new site will initially be used as a source of information for members and the public on the activities, issues and proceedings of the Association. Eventually, we hope to use the site as a forum for exchanges of ideas, news, concerns and questions. And, here's where we will need input from you. How do you think the website can be used to its best advantage? Are there examples of how such an interactive site works well? What kinds of forums would be helpful for you and your employees, board members, etc.? Any other thoughts and/or if you want to register for the members-only section of the website, contact us at bma10@rogers.com.

Advocacy 2007 has Begun

Lead by Board Chair, Lil Bergamo, a delegation from CHAO including Cathy Dunne, Chair of the Board's Advocacy and Government Relations Committee, Ron Marr and Bruce Antonello, met with PC Health Critic, **Elizabeth Witmer M.P.P.**, April 11th to convey CHAO's concerns regarding the importance of voluntary governance-especially with the advent of LHIN's- our position on shared CEO's, our encouragement to increase funding for long term care to the promised \$6000 /resident levels and to express our member's concerns about the cost of the compliance requirements emanating from Bill 140. Ms. Witmer welcomed our comments and expressed her party's continued support for Catholic health care.

CHAO Board News

As part of the Association's renewal, **four new Board committees** have been formed:

- ◆ **Advocacy and Government Relations:** Chaired by Cathy Dunne Providence Continuing Care Centre Kingston, the Committee is busily fine tuning CHAO's core message and issues agenda for discussions with party leaders leading up to this fall's election.
- ◆ **Alliance of Catholic Sponsors:** Chaired by Bob Murray, President St. Joseph's Health Care Society London, the Alliance of Sponsors is not a new committee, per se. However, it now reports to the Board of CHAO and serves as a forum to encourage and facilitate information exchange, networking and collaboration among the sponsor groups in Ontario.
- ◆ **Catholic Identity Committee:** Chaired by John Callaghan of St. Joseph's Healthcare Society, London, the Committee's role is to advise the Board, through the Alliance of Sponsors, in matters related to mission & ethics, organizational culture and the expression of Catholic identity in the works of Catholic health providers.
- ◆ **Collaboration and Partnership Committee:** to be chaired by Carolyn Baker of St. Joseph's Toronto, the Committee will examine ways for members to gain the economies of scale and to take advantage of established practices.

Board News

Committees (continued)

A number of highly motivated members have volunteered to serve on the Board Committees. "We are very pleased to have such a highly skilled and enthusiastic groups to help us in our deliberations", said board Chair, Lil Bergamo. "The strength of CHAO and our Catholic health ministry is truly in its people." she continued.

CHAO Strategic Planning and Advocacy

Five member consultation sessions are planned for May and early June to advise members of and include them in the CHAO Board's strategic planning initiatives and seek their input. As well, advocacy issues and efforts, at the provincial and local levels, will be discussed as we head into the fall Provincial election. The planned session's locations and schedules are as follows:

May 9	Live and Video Conference	Providence Continuing Care	Kingston	16:00-18:00 hrs.
May 10	Live and video conference	St. Joseph's Health Care	London	16:00-18:00 hrs.
May 29	In person only	Providence Healthcare	Toronto	16:00-18:00 hrs.
June 04	In person only	St. Joseph's Health Centre	Guelph	16:00-18:00 hrs.
June 06	Live and videoconference	St. Joseph's Hospital	Thunder Bay	16:00-18:00 hrs.

Please advise Ron Marr chao@on.aibn.com of your intentions to attend. Please ensure good board and management representation from your organization at these important meetings.

Board Bio- Bob Murray, Second Vice-Chair

Bob Murray has volunteered in a governance capacity with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London and their subsequent public Juridic person the St. Joseph's Health Care Society since the mid 1980's. He is currently the Society president and has been a sponsor representative on the CHAO board for 5 years. Bob chairs the Sponsorship Committee and is 2nd vice-chair of the CHAO board. Aside from these duties he maintains a law practice with the firm of George Murray Shipley Bell LLP in Sarnia, Ontario. Bob has been recognized by the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the City of Sarnia for his volunteer activities in the community. He is married to Carol and they have 4 children and 3 grandchildren

Margaret Wheatley to headline the 2007 Annual Convention

Well known author and lecturer Margaret Wheatley will give the keynote address at the Wednesday evening opening session of this year's 2007 Annual Convention, September 26-28. Ms. Wheatley, will then conduct a full day workshop for Catholic health care, education and social service delegates. This will be the first time we have had a convergence of the three Catholic service sectors at our meetings and ,as such, this promises to be an exciting, interactive and productive time with one of the most influential thinkers and writers of our era on the subject of managing in difficult times. Convention registration forms will be out soon. Don't be disappointed; register early. And remember, sign up some of your younger leaders. This will be an excellent opportunity to expose them to the work of CHAO and other Catholic leaders. See you at the Convention.



Catholic Health Association of Canada Catholic Hospital History Project

Greg Humbert, Director Convention Coordination and member Resources, CHAC, has a passion for the history of Catholic hospitals in Canada. After producing *A Compendium of the Catholic Health Association of Canada*, that included an appendix listing all Catholic hospitals in Canada starting with the first hospital in New France established by the Augustine's Hospitaliers Order in Quebec City in 1639, Greg decided to expand the appendix into a book, a book that will occupy his time and satisfy his infatuation for Catholic hospital history after he retires in June 2007. To learn more about Greg's project visit <http://www.chac.ca/historyproject.htm> .

Around the Province

St. Mike's Makes Federal Budget.

Canada's Finance Minister, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, in presenting the Harper government's March 19th Budget, announced an investment of \$105 million in 2007-08 to support the operations of leading Canadian health sciences centres of excellence. The Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, a research and education facility that is internationally unique, consisting of the Keenan Research Centre and the Li Ka Shing International Centre in Health Care Education, received \$15M of that allocation and special mention in the budget itself. "We must continue to invest in research and international collaborations", said St. Michael's President and CEO Jeff Lozon. "St Michael's Hospital is embarking on becoming a world leader in knowledge transfer with our Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. We are grateful for the federal government's support which adds to our provincial and private sector commitments," Lozon added.



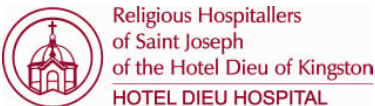
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Helping out in Uganda

Under the leadership of Executive Director Brian Guest, St. Joseph's Health System, Hamilton and its members have been involved in international outreach programs in many developing countries including Haiti, Dominica, eastern Europe, Palestine and Uganda. In January, representatives from St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and other SJHS members from a variety of healthcare disciplines including Anesthesia and Biomedical Engineering participated in a visit to Uganda. In addition to medical expertise, the team, headed by Dr. Peter Kagoma, also provided much needed medical supplies and equipment to the cities of Kampala and Mbarara, along with education and training of medical residents and fellows in Uganda. Back at home, medical residents from Uganda are on-site at St. Joe's Hamilton learning the skills and tools necessary in a medical environment. "The International Outreach Program in Uganda is an extension of the St. Joseph's Healthcare mission and mandate. It has benefits for our colleagues abroad and for us," says Kevin Smith, President & CEO of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.



Hotel Dieu-Grace Windsor Achieves Trauma Milestone

Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital has operated a trauma program since 1991 and is one of 11 lead trauma hospitals across Ontario. Recently, the hospital became the first tertiary community hospital in Canada to earn a full 5-year trauma accreditation designation from the Trauma Association of Canada (TAC). "We at HDGH are absolutely elated to have received this designation which is a tribute to an extraordinary team that coordinates a complex system that provides exemplary trauma services to our region. Our community should take a great deal of comfort in knowing that the best in trauma care is available right here at home," states Neil McEvoy, CEO, Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital.



Chatham Kent Health Alliance Forges New Partnerships

The Chatham-Kent Health Alliance has accepted the transfer of responsibility for family physician recruitment from the Chatham-Kent Municipal Council effective April 1, 2007. Chatham-Kent is one of Ontario's most family physician under-served areas with 20% of its residents without a family doctor and many existing physicians approaching traditional retirement years. The Municipality recognized that CKHA, already in the business of recruiting specialists, had the necessary infrastructure and expertise to undertake family physician recruitment, thereby saving the Municipality \$100,000 annually.



In a separate announcement Chatham-Kent Health Alliance and the Erie St. Clair Community Care Access Centre have agreed to a new level of collaboration to serve clients within the LHIN service area. The goal of the memorandum of understanding is to make client transitions easier from hospital to home or other agencies and to working together to make system navigation (information, access issues, etc) more successful and seamless.

People in the News

- ◆ CHAO Board Chair, Lil Bergamo, Board member Cathy Dunne, along with Ron Marr and Bruce Antonello were warmly welcomed by the newly appointed **Archbishop of Toronto, His Excellency, Thomas Collins**, at his Yonge Street office in early April. Archbishop Collins has deep roots in Ontario, having been born in Guelph



and educated and ordained in southern Ontario. He was named Bishop of Saint Paul, Alberta in June 1997 and was Archbishop of Edmonton from 1999-2006. In the latter capacity, Archbishop Collins served on the boards of both the Caritas Health Group and the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation from 1999 to 2007. This Alberta experience gives Archbishop Collins a solid knowledge of regionalization of health care which he says is “fundamentally positive” but which must also respect voluntary governance. Archbishop Collins told the delegation that he would do anything within his power to further the work of CHAO and Catholic Health Care in Ontario.

- ◆ St. Mary’s General Hospital, Kitchener recently announced the appointment of **Lydia Chudleigh** as Integrated Vice President for Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory for St. Mary’s General Hospital and Grand River Hospital. Lydia assumes this position for one year, effective February 26, 2007, while maintaining her current role as Vice President Planning and Community Programs at St. Mary’s. Over the next year, Lydia will lead the implementation of the recommended changes to diagnostic imaging and laboratories outlined in the Investigator’s Report on emergency care, be involved in the recruitment of a new Chief of Radiology who will provide the leadership needed to integrate medical staff and processes between the Hospitals’ departments, finalize the integration of a common laboratory leadership structure and medical staff and develop an integrated 5-year strategic plan for diagnostic imaging and laboratory that will ensure both hospitals remain leaders in the provision of innovative, excellent care.



- ◆ **Ken Dean** stepped into the shared role of Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Services, for St. Joseph’s Health Care, London (SJHC) and London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), on March 1st. Ken has come to London from St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto, where he was President and CEO.
- ◆ **Carolyn Baker** formerly Vice President Clinical and Professional Programs and Services and Chief Nurse Executive, was promoted to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph’s Health Centre Toronto, effective March 1, 2007. “We are truly very fortunate to have a very capable and qualified internal candidate to promote to the CEO position, as Carolyn will continue to advance the many initiatives we have underway to further the strategy of the Health Centre. Carolyn has demonstrated a strong commitment to our Mission, Values and Vision which we believe are core to the reputation that St. Joseph’s has achieved and the excellent care we provide to our community.” stated Richard Ross, Chair of the Board of Directors.

Editor’s note: thanks for reading the CHAO Quarterly Newsletter. If you have comments, suggestions, news items and/or items of interest to submit, please send them to me directly or through your communications coordinator; your CEO will know the designated communications contact at your work place. Next edition, July 2007.

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