

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIR**

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To: Health System Partners

From: Janet Davidson, O.C., Chair

Re: OHA Interim President and CEO

As you are aware, Tom Closson is stepping down from his position as OHA President and CEO on January 13, 2012. The OHA Board of Directors is currently searching for the OHA's next permanent CEO.

The Board struck a Selection Committee to guide the recruitment process and to recommend one candidate to the Board for appointment. The Committee expects to shortlist candidates before Christmas and to have a selected candidate identified early in the New Year.

Today, the Board appointed Mark Rochon as Interim President and CEO, following Tom's departure and until the permanent appointment is made by the Board of Directors.

The Board is very pleased that Mark has agreed to lead the OHA through this interim period due to his stature in health care, as well as his previous involvement in and support of the OHA. We look forward to working with him, again. As you may be aware, Mark has over 25 years of experience in hospital system management and served as OHA Chair in 2007-2008. His biography is attached to this memo.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mark for his willingness to undertake this transitional role.

## **Mark Rochon – Biography**

Mark Rochon was President and CEO of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab) from 1998 to 2011. Mark joined Toronto Rehab after serving two and a half years as CEO of the Health Services Restructuring Commission (the Commission). In this role, he guided a province-wide initiative to reconfigure Ontario hospitals and other related elements of the health service system to meet the growing health care needs of Ontarians.

Prior to joining the Commission in April 1996, Mark served six years as President and CEO of the former Humber Memorial Hospital (now part of Humber River Regional Hospital). He was seconded to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) in 1994 to serve a fifteen-month term as Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister, Institutional Health Group.

Mark has also held leadership positions at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and Bennett Health Care Centre, as well as the former Clarke Institute of Psychiatry (now part of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health).

During his over 25 years in senior hospital management, Mark has been an active participant in numerous health care related committees and councils. He was Chair of the OHA Board in 2007-2008. He is a currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. From 2002 to 2005, he was Chair of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Work and Health, and during that time, also chaired the MOHLTC's Specialized Paediatric Coordinating Council. Mark also served as a member of the Board of the Ontario Family Health Network.