

OHCA Annual General Meeting A Success

May 17, 2007:- The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) held its 20th Annual General Meeting in Toronto today. The meeting was well attended and afforded participants the opportunity to hear from a number of distinguished guest speakers. Nadine Henningsen, Executive Director of the Canadian Home Care Association provided insight into home care across Canada and the work of the national association. Citing examples in primary health care, chronic disease management and chronic care, Nadine challenged OHCA members to continue their work to champion the unique and distinct contribution of home care within an integrated health care system.

Peter Regenstrief of Policy Concepts discussed the politics of health care in Ontario and across the country. Peter commended the OHCA and its members for their work to communicate and demonstrate the value of home care as a means to enabling Ontarians to age at home.

Addressing over 60 members and guests, dinner speaker, Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Strategy, provided thoughtful discussion about the importance of health care to Canadians and the need for providers to pursue highest quality, within the context of a sound business framework.

“Participants were truly inspired by the sharing of knowledge and information over the course of the day,” said Lori Lord, President OHCA. “The importance of home and community care to the health system in Ontario was re-affirmed”, she added.

“There was a strong message from our members to support a research agenda for home care,” said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director. “The Association will work with its members and partners to further develop the ‘case for support’ for aging at home.”

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About OHCA

The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, is a membership association representing providers of quality home care services from across Ontario. OHCA is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the home and community health care sector by helping to shape health care policy, supporting members to excel, and being a leading source of information on home and community care.

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