

Champlain LHIN Announces New Chief Executive Officer

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Ottawa - The Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Alex Munter as Chief Executive Officer.

He will officially begin his duties at the Champlain LHIN on January 24, 2011, taking over from the current CEO, Dr. Robert Cushman. Mr. Munter was appointed following a rigorous national search.

Since early 2007, Mr. Munter has been Executive Director of the Youth Services Bureau, an accredited children's mental health agency that serves almost 19,000 people annually at 20 locations across Ottawa. Since 2007, the agency has opened a ground-breaking health clinic for street-involved youth, expanded many programs including its new youth mental health hub, overhauled its business processes and launched a new charitable foundation to support its programs.

Mr. Munter, 42, has also been Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa, since 2004.

Mr. Munter was a City and Regional Councillor in Ottawa from 1991 to 2003. From 1997 onwards, he headed council committees responsible for health and social services, including responsibility for public health, long-term care centres, ambulance and health-related social services like home support and community care.

He has extensive experience in health planning through roles on the former Ottawa-Carleton District Health Council (1994-1997), Co-Chair of the Regional Task Force on Health Care (1998-99) and member of the Ontario Public Health Capacity Review Committee and chair of its governance panel (2005-2006).

Mr. Munter has won numerous awards from a wide range of organizations for his contributions to the community, including the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Canadian Institute for Child Health, United Way/Centraide Ottawa, the Federal Business Development Bank and the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

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“We searched for someone with a proven track record of engaging citizens and stakeholders in finding solutions for complex problems. We are thrilled Alex Munter will take on this crucial role in working with providers, residents and government to build a better health system for the citizens of the Champlain region.” *Mike LeMay, Interim Chair, Board of Directors, Champlain LHIN*

“I reported to Alex Munter when I was Medical Officer of Health. Time and again, I saw him bring people together to work through tough issues like the reorganization of ambulance services, our smoke-free by-law or the expansion of home support services. He has the tenacity and knowledge needed to be LHIN CEO.” *Rob Cushman, Chief Executive Officer, Champlain LHIN*

“As Executive Director of the Youth Services Bureau, Alex Munter has worked closely with me to strengthen mental health services for kids and families. I admire his commitment to making sure our health and social service systems never forget what matters most – the needs of patients.” *Dr. Simon Davidson, Regional Chief of Psychiatry for Children and Youth (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)/Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre (ROMHC)*

“I became aware of Alex Munter’s leadership skills during the 1990’s when eastern Ontario was wrestling with questions of how best to re-organize our health delivery system. I appreciated his leadership, clear thinking and understanding of the key issues – these will be essential skills for his new role,” *Dr. Wilbert Keon, retired Senator and heart surgeon*

Recruitment process: Using current procurement policies, the Champlain LHIN employed a search firm to conduct a nationwide recruitment strategy. Mr. Munter was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee. The hiring committee consisted of 5 Champlain Board members and past Board Chair, Marie Fortier. The selection was in turn confirmed by the Board.

QUICK FACTS

The Champlain LHIN is one of 14 agencies created by the provincial government in 2007 to plan, coordinate and fund regional health services.

The Champlain LHIN has an annual budget of billion of \$2.25 billion that funds 211 agencies, including hospitals, long-term care homes, community health centres, addictions and mental health agencies, community support agencies, and the Community Care Access Centre.

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