



Ontario Home Care Association Annual General Meeting focuses on system integration and inclusivity

May 25, 2006 – At the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Home Care Association members voted overwhelmingly to amend the Association by-laws to be more inclusive of home care providers regardless of corporate charter. “We have listened to our members and health care partners who have told us that there is a need for a unified voice representing the role and value of home care in the health system”, said Steve Haas, President.

“Home care is central to the delivery of good care to people and integral to the successful transformation of the health care system in Ontario”, said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director. “Through inclusive membership, the Association is effectively eliminating the boundaries that have separated us from the true task of participating in the evolution of a systems approach to health care.”

This message resonated as guest speaker Hugh MacLeod, Assistant Deputy Minister Health System Accountability and Performance, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, addressed members and invited guests before dinner. Mr. MacLeod spoke of the need for “the system to function as a coherent whole” and encouraged providers to work toward integration that serves the health care needs of Ontarians.

The OHCA represents home care organizations that collectively employ over 30,000 staff and deliver quality home care to an estimated 250,000 Ontarians annually. OHCA members are accredited through the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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