



## **Ontario Home Care Association – Realizing the Potential of Home Care**

May 1, 2006 – The Board of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care response to the CCAC Procurement Review, led by the Honorable Elinor Caplan. The Association was an active participant and provided extensive input during the procurement review, released in 2005. The OHCA strongly supports Mrs. Caplan’s final conclusion that a well-managed procurement model can ensure high standards of client care and customer service in Ontario’s home care sector.

The OHCA is supportive of the McGuinty Government’s acceptance of those recommendations that promote streamlining of service, continuity of care for clients and welcomes funding announcements that support home care workforce stability. Home care is integral to the transformation agenda of the Local Health Integration Networks. As major caregivers and employers in the Ontario home care system, OHCA members are committed to working with the government to operationalize the recommendations that support and strengthen the system for the future.

The OHCA represents Canadian home care service providers 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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