



The Ontario Home Care Association Commends McGuinty Government on CCAC Appointments

October 23, 2006 - The Board of Directors of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes today's announcement of the new Executive Directors for the 14 re-aligned Community Care Access Centres. The new leaders are congratulated for accepting the challenge of completing the CCAC alignment process and leading the further development of the home care system in Ontario.

The Board also thanks the current Executive Directors for their leadership and dedication, noting that many have been involved since the inception of the CCACs. "OHCA expresses deep appreciation to the current CCAC Executive Directors across the province who led the establishment of a strong Ontario home care system in the past decade," said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director.

"OHCA members look forward to working with the new CCAC leaders and wish them the very best as they begin their new role in January, 2007," said Lori Lord, OHCA President. "Home care is integral to Ontario's health system transformation," commented VanderBent. "OHCA members will continue to support and advise CCAC leaders. Together, we will build a strong and innovative home care sector that can support the broader health care system allowing Ontarians to "age at home" – where the majority would prefer to recuperate and remain for as long as possible."

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The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, represents Canadian home care organizations that collectively employ over 30,000 staff and deliver quality home care to an estimated 250,000 Ontarians annually. OHCA advocates for a strong, dependable and accessible home care system for Ontarians. OHCA members are accredited through the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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