



OHHCPA Board of Directors supportive of Minister's speech

February 27, 2004 - The Board of Directors of the Ontario Home Health Care Providers' Association (OHHCPA) welcomes the changes to the health care system indicated by Minister George Smitherman in his address to the Economic Club of Canada. In his speech the Minister stated that better integration and planning at the local level is needed in order to create a true health care 'system' for people of all ages.

"We agree with the Minister that the basic solution to making care more effective and more sustainable is to put in into the community. We can help support people to get home quickly following a hospital stay and to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible," said OHHCPA President, Stuart Cottrelle. The Minister's direction for the health care system is in line with the Romanow Commission's report. Commissioner Romanow recommended that home and community care be supported because it is the foundation upon which the transformation of our system must rest.

The OHHCPA is a voluntary association representing providers of home and community care in Ontario. The OHHCPA offers advice and input to the Ontario government in matters relating to policy and funding for the home and community care sector across the province.

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