

Local Health Integration Network Linkages Policy

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REVISION HISTORY

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Purpose

The Corporation recognizes that it is important to collaborate and ensure consistent touchpoints with the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network and Central Local Health Integration Network (collectively the “**LHINs**”).

Scope

This policy applies to the board of directors of the Corporation (the “**Board**”) and is intended to provide direction to the Medical Officer of Health of the Corporation (the “**MOH**”).

Regulation

Formal linkages between the Corporation and the LHINs are required by statute, including:

- a) under the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006*, the Corporation shall provide the LHINs with advice with respect to developing its integrated health services plan;
- b) under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, the MOH shall consult with the chief executive officer of each of the LHINs (the “**LHIN CEOs**”) with respect to the issues relating to local health system planning, funding and service delivery.

In order to fulfill such statutory obligations, each LHIN CEO and the MOH shall meet at least 1 time annually to discuss the foregoing issues, in addition to any other matters the applicable LHIN or the Board determine to be relevant. The MOH shall report in writing to the Board at least annually with respect to the matters discussed with the LHIN CEOs.

The MOH and the Board shall comply with the requirements under the *Board of Health and Local Health Integration Network Engagement Guideline, 2018*, as amended from time to time and shall collaborate with the LHIN CEOs on an ongoing basis to identify opportunities to improve public health.

Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed and approved by the Board every two years, and may be amended from time to time as the Board deems necessary.