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ERIE ST. CLAIR LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK BOARD APPROVES REALIGNMENT OF WINDSOR-ESSEX HOSPITAL SERVICES

At its monthly Board of Directors meeting today, the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESCLHIN) approved the voluntary realignment of services between Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital (HDGH), allowing the process to proceed.

The current “due diligence” activity underway by seven Working Groups, overseen by a Steering Committee continues over the next four months.

On February 7, 2013, the Board of Directors for WRH and HDGH met together and passed resolutions that outline their vision for a new Windsor Hospital System and Windsor Hospital Governance Model.

It was agreed that all acute care services and necessary support for these services at the single site acute care hospital will be operated and governed by Windsor Regional Hospital.

All sub-acute services (rehabilitation, chronic care, specialized mental health, addictions and children’s mental health) will be operated and governed by Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital at the Tayfour Campus.

“Congratulations to Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital and Windsor Regional Hospital on their vision for more coordinated health care in Windsor/Essex. They have demonstrated that by working together, change can happen, and it can happen in a way that is of benefit to local residents. The LHIN Board is satisfied with the information we reviewed through our due diligence process, and are encouraged at the level of cooperation by the two hospitals to move this new health care vision forward. Our decision today marks the beginning of an exciting time in Windsor, and the LHIN will be working closely with the hospitals as we travel through this process of improving health care for the future,” stated Michael Hoare, Acting Board Chair, ESCLHIN.

Both hospitals are now in the “due diligence” process where, seven Working Groups are meeting and reporting to a Steering Committee, a process that will continue through June, 2013. The objective of the process is to develop a transition plan while maintaining “business as usual” pre and post transition date. **Note that a date has not been set for actual realignment.** There are a number of approvals required. First, the final

configuration of services and resources needs to be approved by the hospitals and the ESCLHIN and, second, the hospitals will need to approve when the realignment will occur. It should also be noted that this is not the planning for the new single site acute care hospital. Once the Steering Committee presents its final recommendations to the host Boards, the Working Groups and Steering Committee created for this purpose will disband.

Both Hospital Boards and CEOs recognize that this is a new era and a new beginning in the relationship between Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital and Windsor Regional Hospital and its means a high degree of collaboration, cooperation and communication between both.

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