

Appointments

Larry Hogue Appointed Chair of the Canadian Healthcare Association Board of Director



The Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) is pleased to announce that Mr. Larry Hogue of Brandon, Manitoba, assumed the role of chair of the CHA Board of Directors. Hogue is known through his professional career as a teacher and as a registrar of Assiniboine Community College (retired 2007).

Ensuring the optimal health of

Manitobans – and Canadians – is a top priority for Hogue. This has been demonstrated through service on behalf of Manitobans as immediate past chair of the Brandon Regional Health Authority, chair of the Council of Chairs for the Regional Health Authorities of Manitoba, as the Brandon Regional Health Authority's board representative to the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority and as a board member of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation.

Hogue has represented Manitoba on the CHA Board of Directors since June 2004. He assumed the position of chair on May 31, 2009, for a two-year term.

Appointment of Dr. Sandy McEwan as Special Advisor to Minister of Health on Medical Isotopes

Dr. Alexander (Sandy) McEwan was appointed as special advisor on medical isotopes to the minister of health for the duration of the isotope shortage. Dr. McEwan is a member of Health Canada's Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Medical Isotopes and has been since the group was struck in 2007. He is past president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and has been involved at the highest levels of the Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. McEwan is also a member of Health Canada's Regulatory Working Group on Medical Isotopes.

Dr. McEwan's work as special advisor on medical isotopes will include providing on-the-ground updates on the situation and how it is affecting patients; advising on how Health Canada can best support provinces, territories and the medical community in the use of alternatives and mitigation strategies; and supporting the minister in communicating the impact of the current shortage. These duties will supplement the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Medical Experts, which will continue to inform government actions on this file.

Dr. McEwan is currently chair of the Department of Oncology within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, where he has been a faculty member since 1986. He is also adjunct professor of the Department of Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging within this faculty. In addition, he is the associate director of Research and the acting director of the

Department of Oncologic Imaging at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. McEwan has been instrumental in the development of the Positron Emission Tomography Program at the Cross Cancer Institute. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the European Association of Nuclear Medicine and the World Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Council. He is also past president of the board of directors for the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

New Chief Information Officer at the Provincial Health Services Authority



Barry Rivelis was appointed chief information officer at the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), in British Columbia. Prior to joining PHSA, Rivelis held the position of vice-president of public sector west at TELUS Corporation, where he was responsible for leading TELUS's healthcare strategy. Rivelis brings an extensive background in information technology and management through

experience gained in a variety of settings, including senior-level positions with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Ernst & Young Consulting in Toronto, Ontario. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from York University and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business.

New Board Appointments at Providence Health Care



Geoff Plant and Mark Cullen have been appointed to the Providence Health Care Board of Directors for two-year terms.

Geoff Plant is a partner in the Vancouver office of the national law firm Heenan Blaikie LLP. During his nine years as a member of the BC legislative assembly, he served as attorney general of British Columbia and minister responsible for treaty negotiations from 2001 to 2005. Since leaving politics, Plant has undertaken a number of public policy projects. From May 2007 until February 2009, he was Vancouver's civil city commissioner, during which time he advanced several initiatives intended to improve support and services to margin-



alized populations in Vancouver. He also serves on the board of Covenant House Vancouver, the Kaiser Foundation and the Streethome Foundation.

Mark Cullen is a retired vice-chairman of RBC Dominion

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Securities. He is currently a director of British Columbia Ferry Services and has been a director of a number of BC-based companies including Canfor, MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates and Terasen, for which he also served as chairman. Over the past 20 years, he has been active in community affairs, with a special interest in St. Paul's Hospital, where he was a trustee from 1988 to 1996 and chair in 1992–1994. He is an honorary director of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. He is also on the advisory board of the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

New Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services for the Northwest Territories Appointed



Ms. Paddy Meade was appointed as deputy minister, Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) for the Northwest Territories. Meade is a former deputy minister of both health and wellness and Aboriginal affairs and northern development for the government of Alberta and most recently served as executive operating officer for the Alberta Health Services Board. She brings to her new position a varied and extensive administrative career within the healthcare industry. Premier Floyd Roland and Minister of Health and Social Services Sandy Lee jointly expressed their appreciation to H&SS staff, senior managers and Acting Deputy Minister Dana Heide, who have contributed above and beyond their expected duties, in the absence of a full-time deputy minister, to ensure the continued delivery of timely and quality healthcare services to all residents in the Northwest Territories.

McGill University Health Centre Recruits New Executive



Ms. Helen Antoniou was appointed as the associate director general of public affairs and strategic planning at McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). Antoniou is a lawyer with a background in healthcare and extensive private sector experience.

Antoniou will report to Dr. Arthur T. Porter and be a member of MUHC's senior management team. In this newly created position, she will assume responsibility for MUHC's public relations and communications as well as strategic planning and government relations. Antoniou joins MUHC from Bombardier Aerospace, where she was director of strategy and business development for the past four years. Before joining Bombardier, she had worked for Pfizer Canada and for National Public Relations in Montreal, Quebec,

and Cap Gemini Ernst & Young in Paris, France, where her primary focus was on the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.

Antoniou holds a master's degree of public health from Harvard University and a master's degree in international commercial law from the University of Paris. She has bachelor's degree in civil and common law (BCL and LLB) from McGill University, where she was editor of the *McGill Law Journal*.

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Veteran Surgeon—Medical Director Receives Provincial and National Recognition



Dr. Mahmood A. Naqvi, MBBS, FRCS(c), FACS, DHA, medical director for the Cape Breton District Health Authority in Nova Scotia, has received the Order of Nova Scotia and will soon receive the Order of Canada. Recognition for Dr. Naqvi is based on his work over the past four decades to improve the delivery of healthcare to the people of

Cape Breton Island. Since the establishment of his first practice in New Waterford, NS, in the early 1960s, Dr. Naqvi has been a tireless contributor to the local, provincial and national healthcare sectors. From his early days of treating injured coal miners and of surgical accomplishments, to his instrumental role in the opening of the nationally recognized Cape Breton Cancer Centre, his common touch and wise guidance are highly respected. With the support of his fellow physicians and nursing colleagues, he helped to develop the area's first intensive care unit. Dr. Naqvi was also instrumental in consolidating the services of Sydney City and St. Rita's hospitals and supported the construction of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and the creation of the Cape Breton Healthcare Complex. Today, he continues to guide the overall delivery of numerous clinical and medical aspects of the Cape Breton District Health Authority. While recognized as a skilled surgeon and administrator, he is also well known and respected as one of the provinces top physician recruiters and has helped to enhance the complement of family physicians and specialists in the district.

Honorary Graduate



Professor Denis Protti, FACMI, has received an honorary doctor of science degree from City University, London, England. Protti is professor of health informatics at the University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, and is currently visiting chair of health informatics at City University. He was the founding director of the University of

Victoria's School of Health Information Science in 1981, a position

he relinquished in 1994. Prior to joining the university, Professor Protti held senior information systems executive positions in Manitoba and British Columbia hospitals. He was commissioned by the Her Majesty's Treasury to review the proposed 1998 National Health Service (NHS) Information Strategy for England prior to its release, and later developed the evaluation methodology that was used to monitor the local implementation of the national strategy – a process referred to as the Protti scores.

Professor Protti was a founding member of COACH – Canada's Health Informatics Association – as well as the American Medical Informatics Association. In 1989, he was one of the first non-Americans elected a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics. He has chaired and served on numerous international, federal and provincial committees and councils over the past 40-plus years. Professor Protti has received a number of awards, including the COACH leadership award and the new Canadian Health Leadership Network's MacNaught-Taillon Award. He has also written numerous publications in books and journals as well as given presentations to a wide range of audiences around the world. His research and areas of expertise include national health information management and technology strategies, electronic health records, primary care computing and evaluating clinical information systems.

CHA 2009 Leadership Awards Conferred during National Healthcare Leadership Conference

The Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) announced the recipients of two national awards recognizing outstanding contributions to the Canadian health system. Murray Ramsden of British Columbia is the recipient of the 2009 CHA Award for Distinguished Service, and Rosemarie Goodyear, of Newfoundland and Labrador, is the recipient of the 2009 Marion Stephenson Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Care.



Murray Ramsden assumed the position of chief executive officer (CEO) upon the creation of the Interior Health Region, British Columbia, on December 12, 2001.

He brought a wealth of experience in health administration to the position, including five years as CEO of the Okanagan Similkameen Health Region and five years as the chief operating officer of Kelowna General Hospital. He

also acted as the public administrator, appointed by the minister of health, for three intermediate-care facilities, prior to their amalgamation with the Regional Health Board. Ramsden is an executive member of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives, a member of the Health Care Leaders' Association of British Columbia, a past director of the Canadian Association for Community Care, a director of the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation and a past director of the Canadian Health

Network; he also has membership on several provincial health committees and continues his involvement in many community services.



Rosemarie Goodyear is known in Newfoundland and Labrador as a strong advocate for the community sector and is frequently asked to participate on provincial committees due to her expertise and hard work. Goodyear is dedicated to quality health outcomes that are grounded in health promotion and prevention, and span the continuum from community-based to specialized institutional healthcare. Since 2005,

Goodyear has worked as the vice-president for community health and primary health care with Central Health in Newfoundland and Labrador. Prior to that, she was the assistant CEO and chief nursing officer with the legacy community health board in that region. These roles exemplify her tireless commitment throughout her career for the overall development of the community sector. Goodyear is an accomplished administrator, researcher and author. Her many professional activities promote the nursing profession and contribute to the optimal health of the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Recent Awards from Canadian Medical Association

A physician whose donations led to the establishment of the Northern Health Sciences Centre at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and a Montreal scientist whose research involving human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is recognized around the world were among 11 people honoured by CMA during its annual awards ceremony in August. The presentations were made before a large crowd, following the CMA's 142nd annual meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Dr. Donald Rix of Vancouver, British Columbia, received the F.N.G. Starr Award for "outstanding achievements in advancing the cultural life of his community and improving medical service in Canada." It is the highest award CMA can bestow upon a member. In addition to funding the centre at UBC, he created a permanent endowment fund to provide bursaries for medical students and a permanent benevolent fund to help physicians and their families who experience financial difficulties due to illness.

Dr. Michel Bergeron, a professor and chair of microbiology at Université Laval, was awarded the CMA Medal of Service



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for making “an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the advancement of healthcare in Canada.” His work includes the development of rapid deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)-based tests.



Mark Wainberg, PhD, received the CMA Medal of Honour for his many achievements in the field of HIV/AIDS-related research, including the initial identification of 3TC as an anti-viral drug. The medal is “the highest award the association can bestow on a person who is not a member of the medical profession.”



The CMA May Cohen Award for Women Mentors was presented to Dr. Catharine Whiteside, dean of medicine at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. The citation states that she “directly and indirectly influenced many women within the medical community and has taught them to be reflective, to express their views and to network.”



The CMA Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action was awarded to Dr. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell in recognition of “exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to the advancement of goals of the CMA in the political arena.” She is a former member of the New Brunswick legislature and recently retired from the Canadian Senate.



The CMA Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics was presented to Dr. Nuala Kenny, founding chair of the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. It recognizes her work as an “advocate, model and teacher for ethical reflection in medical, community and political life across Canada.”

The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario is recipient of the CMA Award for Excellence in Health Promotion in recognition of its work to help young students develop healthy self-esteem and body image via an evidence-based program, Reflections of Me: Body Image and Self-Esteem.



A physician, resident and two medical students received CMA Awards for Young Leaders. In the student category, Juliet Emamaullee, PhD, of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, was honoured for her leadership



achievements, which included co-founding a women’s surgery interest group. She was joined by Charlotte Kfoury of McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, who is a founding member of the Health Squad Project, which involves outreach by medical students throughout Montreal.



In the resident category, Dr. Devesh Varma was honoured for his work with the Canadian Association of Interns and Residents. As president, he spearheaded a major governance review of the organization.



The final award, for exemplary leadership by an early-career physician, was presented to Dr. Jordan Cohen, director of student affairs at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta. He was honoured for “dedication to making a difference in physician health and well-being that has benefited the medical community across Canada.”

Winners of 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Award

Susan Delaney, Johanna Arnett, Sonia Sizto, Olivier Demers-Payette, Jennifer C. Hunt and Liane Fernandes are this year’s recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Award. The Robert Wood Johnson Award, established in 1956 by Johnson & Johnson, is exclusively for students. It is presented to one student from each of the six Canadian universities offering graduate programs in health services administration. Those universities represented are the University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, University of Montreal and Dalhousie University. Each of the six faculties will choose a student viewed as the most likely to contribute valuable service to health services management. The award consists of \$2,000, a Certificate of Merit, travel and accommodation expenses to attend the awards ceremony.

The first presentation of the Robert Wood Johnson Award was made to the University of Toronto in 1956. To date, 230 individuals have received the award. A few notable recipients include:

Devidas Menon, professor of Health Policy and Management at the University of Alberta; **Tony Dagnone**, Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and recipient of the College's Chair's Award for Distinguished Service; **Kenneth J. Fyke**, author of the report: *Caring for medicare: Sustaining a Quality System*, **David Levine**, Policy Administrator and former CEO of the Ottawa Hospital.



**Susan Delaney, RT (R), MHA
Dalhousie University**

Ms. Delaney is currently the director of Diagnostic Imaging at Capital Health. She graduated from the Victoria General School of Radiological Technology and has worked in various management positions within the Diagnostic Imaging Department while completing her

master's degree on a part-time basis. Susan did her administrative residency at the Acute and Tertiary Care Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Health.



**Johanna Arnett, BSc, BSc(OT), MPH
University of Alberta**

Ms. Arnett worked as an occupational therapist for five years with the Alberta Workers' Compensation Board and in the Edmonton school system. She completed her master's internship with Capital Health Edmonton and the Sturgeon Community Hospital

where she developed a physician orientation program to the site. Following a two-month break to South East Asia she will return home and begin a 13 month administrative fellowship with Covenant Health in Alberta.



**Sonia Sizto (BA), MHA,
University of British Columbia**

Ms. Sizto is currently a research Coordinator in the Pharmacoeconomics Program at the Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences. She has worked on a number of projects modelling the cost-effectiveness of pharmaceuticals and has published

manuscripts in the area of psoriasis. Sonia has volunteered with the St. John Ambulance Brigade for 12 years and currently serves as the superintendent for the Burnaby Cadet Division.



**Olivier Demers-Payette, BSc, MHA
University of Montreal**

Mr. Demers-Payette became involved in student life as the president of his bachelor program's association from 2004 to 2006. Olivier has twice been a member of the organizing committee for the Public Health Students

Symposiums, in addition, Mr. Demers-

Payette has been a member of the Education and University Research Commission since 2005. Olivier has worked on several occasions as a research assistant for the Health Interdisciplinary Research Group and Science-Metrix. His interest in research on knowledge exchange and transfer and in the role of citizens in developing health innovations led him to begin work on his doctorate in public health at the University of Montreal in 2008.



**Jennifer C. Hunt, BA (Highest Hons.),
MA, MHA
University of Ottawa**

In 2002, Jennifer began her healthcare career in the field of mental health research and evaluation at The Ottawa Hospital. She is currently working as a program analyst at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute where she

is responsible for performance measurement and provides operational support for the VP Clinical Services. Jennifer is also a Clinical Investigator with the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute and serves as a co-consultant to the Champlain LHIN on residential drug addiction treatment planning for youth. In the interest of continuing education and professional development, Jennifer is pursuing her CHE designation and is an active member of the Emerging Health Leaders in Ottawa.



**Liane Fernandes, BScPT, MHSc, CHE
University of Toronto**

Ms. Fernandes commenced her career in healthcare in 1993 upon graduating from the University of Toronto Physical Therapy program. After working as a clinical therapist for seven years, Ms. Fernandes took on a number of progressive leadership positions in the

hospital sector in the areas of professional practice, redevelopment and organizational development, and most recently served as part of the executive office team in the role of corporate planner. As a strategic leader, she has a proven track record of innovative achievements, including an Ontario Hospital Association recognized best practice framework for advancing professional practice. Ms. Fernandes is very excited about the opportunities to effectively contribute to and lead health system change and sustainability.



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