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FACILITATED INTEGRATION UNDER SECTION 25(2)(a)

Decision of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network issued pursuant to s. 25(2)(a) of the Local Health Systems Integration Act, 2006

1.0 DATE: December 7th, 2009

2.0 PARTIES TO THE DECISION

(a) Queensway Carleton Hospital ("QCH");
(b) The Ottawa Hospital ("TOH"); and
(c) Kemptville District Hospital ("Kemptville")

3.0 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

3.1 Description of parties.

(a) Queensway Carleton Hospital
QCH serves western Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley, and it currently provides radiology services for Carleton Place.

(b) The Ottawa Hospital;
TOH currently provides radiology services for the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, Almonte General Hospital, The Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital, Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Kemptville District Hospital, as well as interventional radiology services for QCH and all other Champlain hospitals.

(c) Kemptville District Hospital
Kemptville District Hospital serves a number of communities situated south of Ottawa, and it currently provides diagnostic imaging services including x-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and bone marrow density.

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3.2 Background

On April 15th 2009, TOH served notice of its intent to no longer provide radiology services to Kemptville. This integration arose as a result of the need to find a means of maintaining appropriate radiology services in Kemptville.

4.0 PROCESS

Upon receipt of notice that the Ottawa Hospital intended to cease the provision of radiology services to Kemptville District Hospital, the LHIN facilitated collaboration between the Parties to find a solution. Following a number of meetings and discussions, the Parties reached agreement on a radiology service plan for the Kemptville District Hospital.

The agreement was confirmed in writing on September 11th, 2009, and subsequently signed by each of the Parties. It requires QCH to assume the provision of radiology services to Kemptville on or before April 1st, 2010, and until then TOH will continue to provide radiology services to Kemptville.

5.0 ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED INTEGRATION

Champlain LHIN has identified a number of priority areas in its strategy to build integrated hospital service models across the region. The rationale is ultimately to drive a shift from a provider to a patient-centered system where Champlain residents have optimal access to quality services closer to home.

Advances in technology and infrequent requirements for patient-physician encounters make radiology a prime example of where inter-hospital collaboration can lead to significant benefits for patients.

The radiology service plan agreed to by the Parties fits with the LHIN's hub and spoke model and will be facilitated by the imminent connection between the PACS systems of QCH and Kemptville. The LHIN will seek to secure reasonable funding to enable the addition of voice-recognition technology to further improve service efficiency.

6. DECISION

Pursuant to subsection 25(2) (a) of the *Local Health System Integration Act*, 2006 (LHSIA), the parties are hereby required to take the following actions on or before April 1, 2010:

(a) **Kemptville.** Kemptville is ordered to expedite the upgrade of its PACS system and to undertake any other associated upgrades deemed necessary by QCH to enable the provision of radiology services by QCH on or before April 1, 2010.

(b) **QCH.** QCH is ordered to

(i) work with Kemptville to identify any system upgrades that are necessary to enable the provision of radiology services by QCH on or before April 1, 2010; and

(ii) begin the provision of radiology services to Kemptville on or before April 1, 2010.

(c) **TOH.** TOH is ordered to continue to provide radiology services to Kemptville until April 1, 2010 or such earlier date as QCH is able to assume the provision of radiology services to Kemptville.

(d) **All Parties.** All the Parties are ordered to:

(i) strive to enable QCH to begin the provision of radiology services to Kemptville by mid-February 2010, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible ahead of the April 1st 2010 deadline; and

(ii) develop a human resources adjustment plan in respect of the integration.

The Champlain Local Health Integration Network

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Marie E. Fortier, Board Chair