

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

HELEN ANGUS is Executive Lead, Chronic Disease Management Implementation with Cancer Care Ontario. Prior to her position with CCO she was Vice President, Research and Analysis with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) where she led an integrated program of health services and population health-related analytical and research initiatives.

Helen's other experience includes the role of Vice President, Planning and Strategic Implementation at CCO. In this capacity Helen was responsible for the work of the secretariat supporting the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario, provincial-level planning for cancer services and an innovation program. Prior to joining Cancer Care Ontario, Helen spent over a decade working at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in a variety of capacities including leadership for the start-up of the Trillium Drug Program. Helen has also worked as a government relations and management consultant. Helen has a Master's of Science in Planning and an undergraduate degree in urban studies and French literature, both from the University of Toronto.

MEL CESCO was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He received his honours B.Sc. in Biological and Medical Sciences, Toronto, 1971. He is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 1974.

Since 1977, he has practiced Family Medicine with a special interest in Obstetrics in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. He is the lead physician of the New Vision Family Team, and a strong proponent of the need to adopt electronic medical records within models of shared care to obtain best possible outcomes for all our patients.

CATHY FOOKS is the President and CEO of The Change Foundation. Based in Toronto, the Foundation is dedicated to independent analysis and informed debate on current and emerging health issues.

Prior to her position at the Foundation, Cathy was the founding Executive Director of the Health Council of Canada where she was responsible for implementing the Council's mandate of reporting to Canadians about health care renewal. She has held other executive positions with the Canadian Policy Research Networks, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.

Cathy brings with her over twenty years experience in health policy and research, government affairs and media relations. She has written numerous articles and reports on the Canadian health care system. She holds degrees in political science and economics from Trent University, (B.A.), and Queen's University, (M.A.) and she has completed the Executive Program in Change Management at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. Cathy is a member of the Board of Governors of The Michener Institute and is currently in her second year as Board Chair.

ROSS KIRKCONNELL is the Executive Director of the Guelph Family Health Team, working with 50 family physicians and numerous other clinicians to advance collaborative primary healthcare in Guelph.

Ross was the Executive Director of the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) of Wellington-Dufferin. Prior to his work in Guelph, Ross worked with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and also with the Office for Senior Citizens' Affairs. Ross has a Master of Science Degree from the University of Guelph and also sits on a number of community Boards in Guelph. Ross was one of the founding members of the Board of the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC).

MARY CATHERINE LINDBERG is currently the Executive Director of the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) and its 25 hospitals that are fully affiliated with a University and their Faculty of Medicine.

Prior to retiring from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, she was an Assistant Deputy Minister with responsibilities for registration and eligibility for OHIP, for payment to physicians, the Ontario Drug Program and the Laboratories. Some of her major activities were the development and introduction of the Trillium Drug Program, leading negotiations for the government for physicians, pharmacists, chiropractors, physiotherapists, optometrists and private laboratory owners, as well as serving on many intra ministry committees including the committee that drafted the Ontario government's Strategic Plan for Information and Information Technology.

Mary Catherine has a degree in pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan and has her pharmacist's license in both the province of Saskatchewan and Ontario.

PADDY O'REILLY is the former Chief Executive Officer for two nonprofit organizations based in Vancouver, BC. Healthy Heart Society of BC (www.healthyheart.bc.ca) is an organization formed in 2000 which works with communities throughout BC to support improved care for patients with heart disease and other chronic conditions. Impact BC (www.impactbc.ca) is an organization formed in 2009 which focuses on system transformation for quality improvement within the BC healthcare system. Impact BC represents a strategic partnership between the BC Ministry of Health, the BC Medical Association and the Health Authorities.

Paddy likes to call himself a 'change addict' having worked throughout his career to facilitate change internationally in fields as diverse as forestry, engineering and human rights. Paddy is a founding Fellow of the School for Social Entrepreneurs and sits on numerous boards including Mid-Main Community Health Centre and the Western Health Improvement Network. He brings his experience in fostering community and social change to his work on improving health outcomes for patients in BC.

ROB WEDEL is a practicing family physician in Taber, Alberta, and is the PhysicianLead of the Chinook Primary Care Network. He co-chairs Alberta AIM, Alberta's Primary Care Improvement Steering Committee. He is a Fellow of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Universities of Calgary and Alberta. He is a Past President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (2004), and currently chairs the CFPC Advisory Committee on Family Practice.

Rob has received the University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine Award of Excellence in Clinical Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Award for Organizational Vision and Leadership.

BRIAN HUTCHISON (Ex-Officio) is a Professor Emeritus in the Departments of Family Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University, Co-Chair of the Canadian Working Group for Primary Healthcare Improvement, President-elect of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research and Senior Advisor, Planning, Development and Evaluation, for the Quality Improvement and Innovation Partnership (QIIP). He is past Director (2002-2005) of the McMaster University Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis (CHEPA). Brian held a National Health Research Scholar award from Health Canada from 1994 to 1999. He was the 2004 recipient of the Health Services Research Advancement Award presented by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation. From 2004-2009 he served as founding Editor-in-Chief of Healthcare Policy. Brian received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Medicine Research from the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 2008. His areas of research and policy interest include organization, funding and delivery of primary and community care, needs-based health care resource allocation and funding methods, provider payment methods, quality improvement and preventive care.

NICK KATES (Ex-Officio) is the Provincial Lead for the Quality Improvement and Innovation Partnership (QIIP) and the Director of Programs for the Hamilton Family Health Team. He is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University with a cross appointment in the Department of Family Medicine. He was the Director of the Hamilton HSO Mental Health & Nutrition Program for 12 years.