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Office of the Chair

April 27, 2009

Joe McReynolds, Chair
Central West Local Health Integration Network
8 Nelson Street West, Suite 300
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Dear Chair McReynolds:

Re: Multi-Sectoral Service Accountability Agreement

I am enclosing with this letter an executed copy of the multi-sectoral Service Accountability Agreement (the "Agreement") forwarded by the Chief Executive Officer of the Central West LHIN to the Commissioner of Health Services of the Region under cover of her March 6, 2009 correspondence.

As you are aware, I have consulted with the Region's Council respecting a number of concerns identified by staff with the content of the Agreement. Council in turn expressed its concerns. Council authorized me to advise you that the terms of the Agreement are in many respects inappropriate and that the refusal of the LHIN to consider amendments harms the relationship of mutual accountability and respect which we both seek to achieve.

I have also had the opportunity to confirm that many of our concerns are shared by others beyond the Region of Peel.

We have provided you with detailed indications of where our concerns lie, but would summarize them under the headings of:

- A broad and unreviewable discretion on the part of the LHIN to determine when a breach of the Agreement has occurred.
• The right of the LHIN to terminate the Agreement for no cause and the restrictions on the Region's ability to terminate the Agreement.
• Open ended terms creating the ability of the LHIN to unilaterally expand the Region's obligations without providing corresponding funding.

REFERRAL TO RECOMMENDED DIRECTION REQUIRED RECEIPT RECOMMENDED

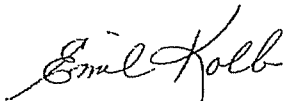
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I have concluded that it is necessary to turn the page on this particular episode in the best interests of the recipients of the health services which are so much in demand and which can only be effectively provided through funding dependent upon the Agreement.

I am now looking forward with enthusiasm and commitment to the development of an improved form of agreement to govern the funding of long term care facilities. I understand that such an enhanced agreement must be developed this year. I am confident that a more consultative process, taking into account the interests of the Region as a level of government under the elected leadership of its Council, can result in a satisfactory agreement for the long term care facilities. Such a result may also serve as a basis for remedying the deficiencies of the enclosed Agreement when the time comes for its renewal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emil V. Kolb".

Emil V. Kolb  
Regional Chair

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