

Sandra's Message – January 2010

Thank you for visiting the website.

Twice a year, Kathy Durst, Chair of the WWLHIN Board of Directors and I have the privilege of meeting with our local elected representatives.



In January, February and March we will be travelling throughout the Waterloo Wellington area to make presentations at council meetings. A full list of the schedule can be found below.

In the early days of the WWLHIN, our presentations focused on what we called WWLHIN 101 – basic information about what the WWLHIN is all about – what we are established to do, what the challenges are and what we are accomplishing.

Even more importantly, these meetings with councils enabled us to hear from council members and others in attendance at the meetings, about their concerns for their specific communities. This type of community engagement goes a long way to helping us understand the unique needs of each community in the WWLHIN area.

There have been positive, specific outcomes from the meetings. The Wellington County Councils have each designated an individual to be a link between the WWLHIN and the councils to ensure members are kept up to date on activities. As well, a proposal was submitted for Aging at Home funding that led to the opening of a clinic in Drayton that brings services to seniors 'Closer to Home'.

The WWLHIN does a great deal of research about health care in our community – such as trends, challenges, and changes. Many councils have asked us to share that 'environmental scan' data for their information.

In this next round of meetings, we will outline the health care plans for the future – specifically the next three years.

We have just completed the three year strategic plan for health care for our area - Working Together for a Healthier Future, Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) 2010 – 2013. This strategic plan identifies our community's eight priorities for health care and what actions will be taken.

Both our presentation to councils and the complete [IHSP](#) can be found here on our website.