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Continuing Care e-Health Council  
Meeting Summary  
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In an emerging e-Health landscape the Continuing Care e-Health Council began redefining its role and continued to initiate its priorities in 2004/05. As e-Health continues to gain momentum across the province, we are poised for an exciting year ahead. We wrap up the past year by recognizing our accomplishments and are now looking forward to a year of progress and growth.

### **Continuing Care e-Health Council completes a year of initiation and leadership**

Our Council expanded this year with the welcome addition of Community Mental Health and Addictions. Together, our Council has provided leadership and made significant advances in e-Health.

- ✓ We continued to strengthen our ties with the Ontario e-Health Council. Our Co-chairs, George Zegarac and Camille Orridge, ensured that Continuing Care issues were well represented when e-Health priorities and initiatives were raised at the provincial level.
- ✓ We improved our sector's representation on the Ontario Health Informatics and Standards Council (OHISC). Representing the most diverse e-Health sector, Peter Catford is uniquely positioned and connected with OHISC and has identified and provided leadership to address the need for a variety of standards.
- ✓ Council member, Joe McReynolds, helped us lead the e-Health community with our Readiness Assessment. This assessment supports the Secure Email for Health project and will help inform our sector as we prepare for future connectivity.

- ✓ Continuing Care remains committed to protecting patient and client information. With the introduction of the new Privacy legislation, Donna Rubin and the privacy team updated our Privacy Toolkit for use across the sector.
- ✓ Council now has a communications team in place and launched a program later in the year, to help keep all sector stakeholders informed of our ongoing efforts to advance the e-Health agenda. This initial work will continue to expand and is being made available as a model to support other e-Health Councils.

### **2005/06 - Next Steps for a New Phase**

- ✓ Under the province's new e-Health framework, Council will redefine its role and streamline our resources and processes under a new governance model.
- ✓ Council will identify our sector's e-Health priorities and will review and update the Continuing Care e-Health strategy.
- ✓ Council will work closely with the Ontario e-Health Council and will continue to identify opportunities to leverage and align with provincial e-Health initiatives.

To highlight the progress we've made Assistant Deputy Minister for Community Health, George Zegarac said, "As a sector Council we are unique as partners across the community continuum of care. Our ability to integrate our diverse group provides a valuable leadership role in e-Health." We have established a good foundation and are positioned to make significant progress in the coming year.

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