

## New Chair Appointed to HNHB LHIN Board of Directors

### NEWS

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Laurie Ryan-Hill, formerly Acting Chair of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Janine van den Heuvel as the new Chair of the Board of Directors effective March 22, 2017 up to and including June 29, 2019.

Mrs. van den Heuvel first joined the LHIN Board as a Director in June 2016 and previously served on the Board of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre, including most recently as Chair. Mrs. van den Heuvel possesses an impressive communications management background within the health care sector and from time spent working in government. She has been involved with provincial project communications and leadership at the community level in Haldimand and Norfolk, was formerly the Manager of Communications at Norfolk General Hospital and has extensive experience working within the LHIN environment, having performed public affairs, communications and community engagement roles with both the Toronto Central and Mississauga Halton LHINs. She also served as a staff member to two Ontario Cabinet Ministers, including the former Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Mrs. van den Heuvel is also active at the community level and has volunteered her time as a member of the Rockton Agricultural Society's Board of Directors, as a musician with the Hamilton Police Pipes and Drums band, as well as with Tim Horton's Children's Foundation and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board.

This appointment was made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and endorsed by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins.

### QUOTES

"Janine's past experience within government and health care, as well as her recent experience as the Chair of the HNHB CCAC, will be invaluable to us as we transition the assets and responsibilities of the CCAC to the LHIN. I look forward to continuing to work with her as our new Board Chair."

- Laurie Ryan-Hill, Vice Chair, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN

“I am excited for the opportunity to step up and lead the LHIN Board during this time of transition and change. My role with the LHIN over the past several months paired with my familiarity of the business and operations of the CCAC from my recent time serving on that board provide me with a unique perspective and a strong foundation for success. As the role of the LHIN continues to evolve, my focus will remain on improving the patient experience and ensuring residents across our LHIN have access to the care they need, where and when they need it.”

- Janine van den Heuvel, HNHB LHIN Board Chair

## QUICK FACTS

- Members of the HNHB LHIN Board of Directors are responsible for directing the LHIN’s affairs, its direction and policies and providing oversight in accordance with applicable legislation, approved strategic and business plans, and accountability agreements with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
- The Chair and the Directors are appointed based on their expertise, experience, leadership skills and the needs of the LHIN and, through the Chair, are accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.
- The HNHB LHIN’s highly engaged and well respected Board of Directors includes:
  - Janine van den Heuvel, Chair
  - Laurie Ryan-Hill, Vice Chair
  - Mervin Witter, Vice Chair
  - Bill Thompson, Director
  - Dominic Ventresca, Director
  - Madhuri Ramakrishnan, Director
  - Paul Armstrong, Director
  - Saqib Cheema, Director
  - William Chopp, Director
- With a budget of more than \$2.9 billion, and covering Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Burlington and most of Norfolk, the HNHB LHIN is home to a diverse population of more than 1.4 million people. The HNHB LHIN plans and funds the local health care system by working with more than 200 providers.
- The HNHB LHIN is committed to dramatically improving the patient experience through quality, integration and value while supporting our vision to create a health care system that helps keep people healthy, gets them good care when they are sick, and will be there for our children and grandchildren.

For more information on the HNHB LHIN and the Board of Directors, please visit:

[www.hnhblhin.on.ca](http://www.hnhblhin.on.ca).

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