



SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT

THE AGREEMENT effective as of the 1st day of April, 2009

B E T W E E N:

WATERLOO WELLINGTON LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (the "LHIN")

- and -

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP (the "HSP")

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BETWEEN:

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Background:

Prior to providing funding for the provision of services to its local health system, the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* requires that the LHIN and the HSP enter into a service accountability agreement.

The service accountability agreement is a multi-year agreement. It supports a collaborative relationship between the LHIN and the HSP to improve the health of Ontarians through better access to high quality health services, to co-ordinate health care in local health systems and to manage the health system at the local level effectively and efficiently.

In this context, the HSP and the LHIN agree that the provision of services to the local health system by the HSP will be funded as set out in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 1- DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

1.1 **Definitions.** In the Agreement the following terms will have the following meanings:

"Act" means the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* as it may be amended from time to time.

"Agreement" means this agreement entered into between the LHIN and the HSP, the Schedules and any instrument amending the agreement or the Schedules.

"Applicable Law" means all federal, provincial or municipal laws or regulation or any orders, rules, by-laws, policies or standards of practice that are applicable to the HSP, the Services, this Agreement and the parties' obligations under this Agreement during the term of this Agreement. Applicable law includes the documents identified in Schedule "D".

"Budget" means the budget approved by the LHIN and appended to the Agreement as Schedule "B".

"CFMA" means the *Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act, 2004*, as amended.

“Confidential Information” means information that is (i) marked or otherwise identified as confidential by the HSP at the time the information is provided to the LHIN; and (ii) eligible for exclusion from disclosure at a public board meeting in accordance with section 9 of the Act. Confidential Information does not include information that (a) was known to the LHIN prior to receiving the information from the HSP; (b) has become publicly known through no wrongful act of the LHIN; or (c) is required to be disclosed by law, provided that the LHIN provides timely notice of such requirement to the HSP, consults with the HSP on the proposed form and nature of the disclosure, and ensures that any disclosure is made in strict accordance with Applicable Law.

“Conflict of Interest” includes any situation or circumstance where: in relation to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement the HSP’s other commitments, relationships or financial interests (i) could or could be seen to exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of its independent judgement; or (ii) could or could be seen to compromise, impair or be incompatible with the effective performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

“Days” means calendar days.

“Effective Date” means April 1, 2009.

“Funding” means the amounts of money provided by the LHIN to the HSP pursuant to this Agreement.

“Funding Year” means in the case of the first Funding Year, the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the following March 31, and in the case of Funding Years subsequent to the first Funding Year, the period commencing on the date that is April 1 following the end of the previous Funding Year and ending on the following March 31.

“GST” means goods and services tax pursuant to the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada).

“Interest Income” means interest earned on the Funding.

“MOHLTC” means the Minister or the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as is appropriate in the context.

“Party” means either of the LHIN or the HSP and **“Parties”** mean both of the LHIN and the HSP.

“Project Funding Agreement” means an agreement in the form of Schedule “F” that incorporates the terms of this Agreement.

“Reports” means the reports described in Schedule “C” as well as any other reports or information required to be provided under this Agreement.

“Schedule” means any one of, and **“Schedules”** mean any two or more, as the context requires, of the schedules appended to this Agreement including the following:

- Schedule A: Detailed Description of Services
- Schedule B: Service Plan
- Schedule C: Reports
- Schedule D: Directives, Guidelines and Policies
- Schedule E: Performance
- Schedule F: Template for Project Funding

“Service Plan” means the Operating Plan and Budget appended as Schedule B.

“Services” means the services and deliverables described in Schedule “A” and in any Project Funding Agreement executed pursuant to this Agreement.

- 1.2 **Interpretation.** Words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa. Words in one gender include both genders. The headings do not form part of the Agreement. They are for convenience of reference only and will not affect the interpretation of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - TERM AND NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 **Term.** The term of the Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and will expire on March 31, 2011 unless terminated earlier or extended pursuant to its terms.
- 2.2 **A Service Accountability Agreement.** This Agreement is a service accountability agreement for the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act and Part III of the CFMA.

ARTICLE 3 - PROVISION OF SERVICES

- 3.1 **Provision of Services.**
- (a) The HSP will provide the Services in accordance with:
 - (i) the terms of the Agreement, including the Service Plan; and
 - (ii) Applicable Law;
 - (b) When providing the Services, the HSP will meet the Performance Standards and Conditions identified in Schedule “E”, if Schedule “E” is included in this Agreement;
 - (c) Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the HSP will not reduce, stop, start, expand, cease to provide or transfer the provision of the Services or change its Service Plan except with the prior written consent of the LHIN; and
 - (d) the HSP will not restrict or refuse the provision of Services to an individual, directly or indirectly, based on the geographic area in which the person resides in Ontario.

3.2 **Subcontracting for the Provision of Services.**

(a) Unless permitted in the Service Plan, the HSP agrees that the HSP will not subcontract the fulfillment of all or any part of the HSP's obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the LHIN. Such consent will be in the sole discretion of the LHIN and may be subject to additional terms and conditions.

(b) If the HSP is permitted to subcontract the provision of the Services, the HSP will make reasonable efforts to include in its subcontract, (i) provisions that permit the LHIN and the Auditor General to audit the subcontractor to the same extent as set out in provisions 8.3 and 8.6 of this Agreement; (ii) other provisions necessary for the HSP to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement; (iii) a provision that enables the subcontract to be assigned in the event that this Agreement is terminated; and (iv) a provision that permits the LHIN to revoke approval of the subcontractor without legal liability to either the HSP or the subcontractor.

(c) If permitted to use subcontractors, the HSP will remain liable for obligations performed by a subcontractor to the same extent as if the HSP had performed such obligations. For the purpose of this Agreement work performed by the HSP's subcontractor will be deemed work performed by the HSP.

(d) Nothing contained in this Agreement or a subcontract will create a contractual relationship between any subcontractor or its directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, affiliates or volunteers and the LHIN.

3.3 **Conflict of Interest.** The HSP will (a) avoid any Conflict of Interest in the performance of its contractual obligations; (b) disclose to the LHIN without delay any actual or potential Conflict of Interest that arises during the performance of its contractual obligations; and (c) comply with any requirements prescribed by the LHIN to resolve any Conflict of Interest. In addition to all other contractual rights or rights available at law or in equity, the LHIN may immediately terminate the Contract upon giving notice to the HSP where: (a) the HSP fails to disclose an actual or potential Conflict of Interest; (b) the HSP fails to comply with any requirements prescribed by the LHIN to resolve a Conflict of Interest; or (c) the HSP Conflict of Interest cannot be resolved. This paragraph will survive any termination or expiry of the Agreement.

3.4 **E-health/Information Technology Compliance.** The HSP agrees to comply with any technical standard related to architecture, technology, privacy and security set for health service providers by the MOHLTC or the LHIN within the timeframes set by the MOHLTC or the LHIN as the case may be.

3.5 **Policies, Guidelines Directives and Standards.** Either the LHIN or the MOHLTC will give the HSP notice of any amendments to the manuals, guidelines or policies identified in Schedule "D". Amendments will be effective on the first Day of April following the receipt of the notice or on such other date as may be advised. By signing a copy of this Agreement the HSP acknowledges that it has a copy of the manuals, guidelines or policies identified in Schedule "D".

ARTICLE 4 - FUNDING

- 4.1 **Funding.** The LHIN:
- (i) will provide the funds identified in Schedule "B" to the HSP for the purpose of providing or ensuring the provision of the Services;
 - (ii) may pro-rate the funds identified in Schedule "B" to the date on which the Agreement is signed, if that date is after April 1; and
 - (iii) will deposit the funds in instalments [once/twice] monthly over the Term of the Agreement, into an account designated by the HSP provided that the account resides at a Canadian financial institution and is in the name of the HSP.
- 4.2 **Limitation on Payment of Funding.** Despite section 4.1, the LHIN:
- (i) will not provide any funds to the HSP until the Agreement is fully executed;
 - (ii) will not provide any funds to the HSP until the HSP meets the insurance requirements described in section 11.4;
 - (iii) will not be required to continue to provide funds in the event the HSP breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement, until the breach is remedied to the LHIN's satisfaction; and
 - (iv) may adjust the amount of funds it provides to the HSP in any Funding Year based upon the LHIN's assessment of the information contained in the Reports.
- 4.3 **Appropriation.** Funding under this Agreement is conditional upon an appropriation of moneys by the Legislature of Ontario to the MOHLTC and funding of the LHIN by the MOHLTC pursuant to the Act. If the LHIN does not receive its anticipated funding the LHIN will not be obligated to make the payments required by this Agreement and the LHIN may terminate the Agreement in accordance with section 12.1(b).

4.4 **Additional Funding.**

(a) Unless the LHIN has agreed to do so in writing, the LHIN is not required to provide additional funds to the HSP for providing additional Services or for exceeding the requirements of Schedule E.

(b) The HSP may request additional funding by submitting a proposal to amend its Service Plan. The HSP will abide by all decisions of the LHIN with respect to a proposal to amend the Service Plan and will make whatever changes are requested or approved by the LHIN. The Service Plan will be amended to include any approved additional funding.

4.5 **Conditions of Funding.**

(a) The HSP will:

- (i) use the Funding only for the purpose of providing the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (ii) spend the Funding only in accordance with the Service Plan; and
- (iii) propose, achieve and maintain an Annual Balanced Budget.

(b) “Annual Balanced Budget” means that, in each fiscal year of the term of this Agreement, the total expenses of the HSP are less than or equal to the total revenue, from all sources, of the HSP.

(c) The LHIN may impose such additional terms or conditions on the use of the Funding which it considers appropriate for the proper expenditure and management of the Funding.

4.6 **Interest.**

(a) Funding will be placed in an interest bearing account at a Canadian financial institution.

(b) Interest Income must be used, within the fiscal year in which it is received, to provide the Services.

- (c) Interest Income will be reported to the LHIN and is subject to a year end reconciliation. In the event that some or all of the Interest Income is not used to provide the Services:
 - (i) the LHIN may deduct the amount equal to the unused Interest Income from any further Funding instalments under this or any other agreement with the HSP; and/or
 - (ii) the LHIN may require the HSP to pay an amount equal to the unused Interest Income to the Ministry of Finance.

4.7 **GST.** The HSP:

- (i) acknowledges that all GST rebates it anticipates receiving from the use of the Funding have been incorporated in its Budget;
- (ii) agrees that it will advise the LHIN if it receives any unanticipated GST rebates from the use of the Funding, or from the use of funding received from either the LHIN or the MOHLTC in years prior to this Agreement that was not recorded in the year of the related expenditure;
- (iii) agrees that all GST rebates referred to in (ii) will be considered Funding in the year that the rebates are received, regardless of the year to which the rebate relates.

4.8 **Procurement of Goods and Services.** The HSP will have a procurement policy in place that requires the acquisition of supplies, equipment or services valued at over \$25,000 through a competitive process that ensures the best value for funds expended. If the HSP acquires supplies, equipment or services with the Funding it will do so through a process that is consistent with this policy.

4.9 **Disposition.** The HSP will not, without the LHIN's prior written consent, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any assets purchased with Funding, the cost of which exceeded \$25,000 at the time of purchase.

ARTICLE 5 - REPAYMENT AND RECOVERY OF FUNDING

5.1 **Repayment and Recovery.**

- (a) **At the End of a Funding Year.** If, in any Funding Year, the HSP has not spent all of the Funding the LHIN will require the repayment of the unspent Funding.

(b) **On Termination or Expiration of the Agreement.** Upon termination or expiry of the Agreement, the LHIN will require the repayment of any Funding remaining in the possession or under the control of the HSP and the payment of an amount equal to any Funding the HSP used for purposes not permitted by this Agreement.

(c) **On Reconciliation and Settlement.** If the year end reconciliation and settlement process demonstrates that the HSP received Funding in excess of its entitlement, the LHIN will require the repayment of the excess Funding.

(d) **As a Result of Performance Management or System Planning.** If Services are adjusted, as a result of the performance management or system planning processes, the LHIN may adjust the Funding to be paid under Schedule "B", require the repayment of excess Funding and/or adjust the amount of any future funding installments accordingly.

(e) **In the Event of Forecasted Surpluses.** If the HSP is forecasting a surplus the LHIN may adjust the amount of Funding to be paid under Schedule "B", require the repayment of excess Funding and/or adjust the amount of any future funding installments accordingly.

(f) **On the Request of the LHIN.** The HSP will, at the request of the LHIN, repay the whole or any part of the Funding, or an amount equal thereto if the HSP:

- (i) has provided false information to the LHIN knowing it to be false;
- (ii) breaches a term or condition of this Agreement and does not, within 30 Days after receiving from the LHIN written notice of the breach, take reasonable steps to remedy the breach; or
- (iii) breaches any federal or provincial law or regulation that directly relates to the provision of, or ensuring the provision of, the Services.

(g) Subsections 5.1(c) and (d) do not apply to Funding already expended properly in accordance with this Agreement. The LHIN will, at its sole discretion, and without liability or penalty, determine whether the Funding has been expended properly in accordance with this Agreement.

5.2 **Provision for the Recovery of Funding.** The HSP will make reasonable and prudent provision for the recovery by the LHIN of any Funding for which the conditions of Funding set out in subsection 4.5 are not met and will hold this Funding in accordance with the provisions of subsection 4.6 until such time as reconciliation and settlement has occurred with the LHIN. Interest earned on Funding will be reported and recovered in accordance with subsection 4.6.

5.3 **Settlement and Recovery of Funding for Prior Years.**

(a) The HSP acknowledges that settlement and recovery of Funding can occur up to seven (7) years after the provision of Funding.

(b) Recognizing the transition of responsibilities from the MOHLTC to the LHIN, the HSP agrees that if the parties are directed in writing to do so by the MOHLTC, the LHIN will settle and recover on behalf of the MOHLTC, and the HSP will enable the recovery of funding provided to the HSP by the MOHLTC in fiscal 2000/01 and every subsequent fiscal year up to and including 2006/07. All such settlements and recoveries will be subject to the terms applicable to the original provision of funding.

5.4 **Debt Due.**

(a) If the LHIN requires the re-payment by the HSP of any Funding, the amount required will be deemed to be a debt owing to the LHIN by the HSP. The LHIN may adjust future funding instalments to recover the amounts owed or may, at its discretion, direct the HSP to repay the amount owing to the LHIN.

(b) All amounts repayable to the LHIN will be paid by cheque payable to the "Ontario Minister of Finance" and mailed to the LHIN at the address provided in section 13.1.

5.5 **Interest Rate.** The LHIN may charge the HSP interest on any amount owing by the HSP at the then current interest rate charged by the Province of Ontario on accounts receivable.

ARTICLE 6.0 - PLANNING & INTEGRATION

6.1 **Planning for Future Years.**

(a) **Advance Notice.** The LHIN will give at least sixty Days notice to the HSP of the date by which a Community Annual Planning Submission ("CAPS"), approved by the HSP's governing body, must be submitted to the LHIN.

(b) **Multi-Year Planning.** The CAPS will be in a form acceptable to the LHIN and will incorporate (i) prudent multi-year financial forecasts; (ii) plans for the achievement of performance targets; and (iii) realistic risk management strategies. It will be aligned with the LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan and will reflect local LHIN priorities and initiatives. If the LHIN has provided multi-year planning targets for the HSP, the CAPS will reflect the planning targets.

(c) **Multi-year Planning Targets.** Schedule "B" may reflect an allocation for the first fiscal year of this Agreement as well as planning targets for up to two additional years, consistent with the Term of the Agreement. In such an event,

(i) the HSP acknowledges that if it is provided with planning targets, these targets are (A) targets only, (B) provided solely for the purposes of planning, (C) are subject to confirmation and (D) may be changed at the discretion of the LHIN. The HSP will proactively manage the risks associated with multi-year planning and the potential changes to the planning targets.

(i) the LHIN agrees that it will communicate any material changes to the planning targets as soon as reasonably possible.

(d) **Service Accountability Agreements.** The HSP acknowledges that if the LHIN and the HSP enter into negotiations for a subsequent service accountability agreement, funding may be interrupted if the subsequent accountability agreement is not executed on or before the expiration date of this Agreement.

6.2 **Community Engagement & Integration Activities.**

(a) **Community Engagement.** The HSP will engage the community of diverse persons and entities in the area where it provides health services when setting priorities for the delivery of health services and when developing plans for submission to the LHIN including, but not limited to, CAPS and integration proposals.

(b) **Integration.** The HSP will, separately and in conjunction with the LHIN and other health service providers, identify opportunities to integrate the services available to the local health system to provide appropriate, co-coordinated, effective and efficient services.

(c) **Reporting.** The HSP will report on its community engagement and integration activities as requested by the LHIN, and in any event, in its year end report to the LHIN.

6.3 **Planning and Integration Activity Pre-proposals.**

6.3.1 **General:** A pre-proposal process has been developed to (i) reduce the costs incurred by an HSP when proposing operational or service changes; (ii) facilitate the HSP to carry out its statutory obligations; and (iii) enable an effective and efficient response by the LHIN. Subject to specific direction from the LHIN, this pre-proposal process will be used in the following instances:

- (i) the HSP is considering an integration or an integration of services, as defined in the Act between the HSP and another person or entity; or
- (ii) the HSP is proposing to reduce, stop, start, expand or transfer the location of Services; or
- (iii) to identify opportunities to integrate the services of the local health system, other than those identified in (i) or (ii) above; or
- (iv) if requested by the LHIN.

