

Mississauga Halton **LHIN**

**Accreditation Information Session for
Community Support and Mental Health &
Addiction Service Providers in the
Mississauga Halton LHIN**

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Your Questions

The MH LHIN inserted “accreditation” into its M-SAAs as a performance obligation.

1. What were the main reasons for inserting accreditation into the MSAA?
2. What does the LHIN expect to achieve through this and how will these expectations connect with other HSP/LHIN priorities and obligations?
3. Will the LHIN:
 - a. consider either a stipend for HSPs similar to other sectors (CHC’s, hospitals or LTC facilities) to assist in covering costs associated with accreditation, and
 - b. enable providers to hold onto designated funds (generated through back office efficiencies) for accreditation on a year over year basis as accreditation is typically run on a 3 year cycle?
4. Is the LHIN considering accreditation for itself?
5. What role does HSP governance play in the accreditation process?

Accountability Culture

“If Ontario is to improve access to quality healthcare services over the long term, it must shift from a paradigm where no one – or only a few – are accountable for achieving a particular set of results to one where a wide range of players is accountable for achieving a broad range of results.”

(From MOHLTC – Health System Accountability and Performance Division – Healthcare Papers 2006)

OHA – New Partnerships / New Directions

“Economic, political and cultural forces are transforming our health system. Critical strategies for today are to expand organizational boundaries and connect with a variety of “partners” in the community – business, environment, education, government, labour, health, social services, the public, etc. The current trend to partnerships and alliances has been driven by economic constraints, the rapid emergence of technology and systems restructuring.

The executive challenge is to understand the issues in strategic alliances, develop the skills in negotiating the right partnerships and create an organizational climate which supports collaboration.”

Linking Accountability and Governance

The 1999 Broadbent Report on Accountability and Governance in the Voluntary Sector noted:

At the end of the millennium, voluntary organizations are facing an environment in considerable flux. Changing government roles, increasingly diverse populations, and new social and economic realities are requiring the sector to broaden, deepen, and adapt its approaches – and to do all of these at once.

In order to thrive in a dramatically changed environment and to maintain high levels of confidence which Canadians have for the sector, it will need to ensure that its governance mechanisms are up to the task and that accountability is both effective and seen to be effective.

“It is imperative that we consciously, **consistently and with passion** identify those elements of health care that are **ours to do...** What are **ours to partner** with others to provide? What are ours to support and advocate for **others to do.**”

Trillium Health Care
Senior Team Retreat (2006)

“We” and “they” no longer exist. This planet is just us. The destruction of one area is the destruction of yourself. That is the new reality. It is only by working together in common purpose that all becomes possible.

Dalai Lama