

## ATTESTATION

Prepared in accordance with section 14 of the  
*Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (“BPSAA”)

**To: The Board of Directors to the North East Local Health Integration Network,  
operating as Home and Community Care Support Services North East**

**From: Donna Cripps, Interim CEO, Home and Community Care Support Services**

**Re: Quarterly Declaration of Compliance  
Reporting period of July 1 - September 30, 2021 (“the Applicable Period”)**

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On behalf of Home and Community Care Support Services North East (“HCCSS”), I attest to:

- The completion and accuracy of reports required of the HCCSS, pursuant to section 5 of the BPSAA, on the use of consultants;
- The HCCSS’s compliance with the prohibition, pursuant to section 4 of the BPSAA, on engaging lobbyist services using public funds;
- The HCCSS’s compliance with all of their obligations under applicable directives issued by the Management Board of Cabinet
- The HCCSS’s compliance with their obligations under their respective Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health (the “Ministry”) in effect; and
- The HCCSS’s compliance with their obligations under their respective Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement in effect

during the Applicable Period.

In making this attestation, I have exercised the care and due diligence that would reasonably be expected of a Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) in these circumstances, including making due inquiries of HCCSS staff that have knowledge of these matters.

I further certify that any material exceptions to this attestation are documented in the attached Schedule A.

Dated at Brampton, Ontario, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021.

Original signed by

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Donna Cripps

Interim CEO

Home and Community Care Support Services

## **Schedule A**

### **CEO Certificate of Compliance**

**For the Applicable Period: April 1 – June 30, 2021**

#### **1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

See below

#### **2. MINISTRY-LHIN ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT**

See below

#### **3. COMPLETION AND ACCURACY OF REPORTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF THE BPSAA**

No known exceptions

#### **4. PROHIBITION ON ENGAGING LOBBYIST SERVICES USING PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF THE BPSAA**

No known exceptions

#### **5. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF CABINET**

- a. OPS Procurement Directives
  - No known exceptions
- b. OPS Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive
  - No known exceptions
- c. OPS Perquisites Directive
  - No known exceptions

### **Note 1 – Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada (HIROC)**

The HCCSS may be non-compliant with section 28 of the *Financial Administration Act* (“FAA”): The Community Care Access Centres (“CCACs”) HIROC Subscribers’ Agreements were transferred to the Local Health Integration Networks (“LHINs”) pursuant to a transfer order of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (“Minister”), as it then was, under section 34.2 of the historical version of the *Local Health Systems Integration Act, 2006* (“LHSIA”). A reciprocal, by its nature and composition, poses a compliance question under the *Financial Administration Act* because risks are shared amongst all the members; as noted below, there is uncertainty about the compliance of this specific HIROC arrangement. It is not certain from the Minister’s order or from applicable legislation whether or not this increase in the contingent liability of the Crown placed HCCSS in non-compliance with the FAA and with each Ministry-LHIN Memorandum of Understanding. Furthermore, the HCCSS has no direct knowledge as to whether or not this matter was addressed in Cabinet’s approvals in respect of the legislative amendment that enabled the transfer.

The HCCSS had previously understood, from the Ministry, that the transfer of the agreement under the Minister’s order does not give rise to non-compliance by HCCSS. However, in December 2020, Ontario Health submitted a business case to the Ministry requesting that the Ministry submit HCCSS’s situation to Treasury Board for an exemption. The HCCSS awaits the outcome from this recent submission.

### **Note 2 – Ontario Digital and Data Directive, 2021**

The assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of the Community Care Access Centres (“CCACs”) were transferred to the HCCSS pursuant to a Minister’s transfer order under section 34.2 of the historical version of LHSIA. As a consequence, the HCCSS took possession of the predecessor CCAC records and other information that are not in compliance with the Digital and Data Directive.

HCCSS has suspended work on achieving compliance with the data requirements of the Digital and Data Directive. This work was suspended until further administrative direction given the current system transformation. In the meantime, the HCCSS ensures they respond to data requests from the public in a timely manner.

### **Note 3 – Archives and Recordkeeping Act, 2006**

Pursuant to a transfer order issued by the Ministry under the historical version of LHSIA, the records of the CCAC transferred to the HCCSS. The transfer of these records has resulted in

non-compliance with the *Archives and Recordkeeping Act, 2006* (the “ARA”) primarily related to record series alignment and adoption timelines.

The LHINs submitted two Patient Care Record Series (“Record Series”) to the Archivist of Ontario on November 8, 2019 as part of the record scheduling requirements of the ARA. The Archives Office has advised that the two Record Series submissions have been reviewed for archival appraisal and are compliant with recordkeeping requirements. In addition to the Patient Care Record Series, a Source Document Series is required. The next steps are for LHINs to complete, approve and submit a Source Document Series before the Archivist releases the full Patient Record Series.

#### **Note 4 – Single or Sole Source Procurement**

HCCSS North East is non-compliant with single or sole source procurement. Single or sole source procurement requires approved annual business cases with valid non-competitive exemptions.

The non-compliance relates to the Human Resources Performance, Learning and Development system. The system license renews annually unless terminated. The termination date has passed.

The work to move the Human Resources system to the Ontario Health solution was stopped as HCCSS staff did not transfer. The potential use of the Ontario Health solution by HCCSS requires further dialogue with Ontario Health and the Ministry. In addition, further administrative direction is required given the current system transformation under-way to determine whether HCCSS should procure a new system or seek other options.