

CHAMPLAIN LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

Listed below are the backgrounds of the chair, founding members and CEO selected for the Champlain Local Health Integration Network.

Chair - Michel Lalonde (Ottawa)

After a successful career in Healthcare management, Michel is now Executive-in-Residence at the University of Ottawa, School of Management and the Master in Health Administration (MHA) Program. For more than thirty years he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawkesbury District General Hospital and Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Vice President of Paramedical Services at the Ottawa General Hospital and Associate Executive Director at the Monfort Hospital in Ottawa. Amongst his achievement and participation, he was a surveyor for the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation, Chair of the Prescott-Russell Community Services Planning Council, Director and Vice president of La Cité Collégiale Board of Directors, Board member of the Ottawa Children Treatments Centre and Director of the CQI Network in Ontario.

Member – Wilmer Matthews (Barry’s Bay)

Wilmer Matthews is a retired high school principal. In 30 years with the Renfrew District School Board, he held positions as teacher, vice-principal, and principal at a variety of high schools in the county. His community involvement has included coaching or convening duties in community sports programs such as hockey, skiing and basketball. He has also been a past member of the local Lions Club, and for a number of years worked with the student leaders of Opeongo High School in organizing the Terry Fox Run in the Cobden /Eganville area. For the past four years, his interest in health care has seen him involved as a director of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, where he has served as acting chair as well as chair of the Capital Equipment Campaign.

Member – Jo-Anne Poirier (Ottawa)

Jo-Anne Poirier is currently employed as vice-president of resource development and CEO of United Way/Centraide Ottawa. From 2000 to 2003, she was first vice-president of business development for MBNA Canada Bank and, from 1996 to November 2000, she worked as deputy city manager for the Corporation of the City of Gloucester. Poirier's community involvement presently includes being special advisor to the Ottawa chapter of the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund, and board member of the Regroupement des gens d'affaires de la capital nationale (RGA).

Chief Executive Officer – Dr. Robert Cushman

Dr. Robert Cushman has more than 20 years of experience in the public health field. He was medical officer of health for the City of Ottawa from 1996 to 2005. Prior to that, he worked in the public health department in Hull as a public health physician from 1989 to 1991 and director of public health from 1992 to 1995. Cushman has also been associate medical officer of health for the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and for the Regional Municipality of Peel. As a practising physician, he has worked in a small Northern Quebec hospital serving Cree and Inuit populations, in a rural mission hospital in Zambia, as well as in practices in Montreal, Hamilton and Ottawa.