

# HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

## ATTESTATION

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

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

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

**Re: Quarterly Declaration of Compliance  
Reporting period of April 1 – June 30, 2021 (“the Applicable Period”)**

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On behalf of Home and Community Care Support Services North Simcoe Muskoka (“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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Original signed by

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Donna Cripps  
Interim CEO  
Home and Community Care Support Services North Simcoe Muskoka

## **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
  - See below
- 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 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.

As part of its work to seamlessly integrate the CCAC and HCCSS, the HCCSS has been working towards achieving compliance with the data requirements of the Digital and Data Directive. This work has been suspended until further administrative direction given the current system transformation. This work has included some involvement of the Ministry. 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. At the direction of the Archives Office, the next step is for the Record Series to be signed by the CEO for the LHINs. Once the Record Series are signed, the Archivist of Ontario will also sign and release the series for HCCSS Implementation.

**Note 4 – Single Source Procurement – HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka**

No procurement documents can be located for a contract for services that HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka entered into several years ago. The contract has been renewed annually without procurement which does not comply with the Ontario Public Service Procurement Directive. HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka intends to cancel the contract when an appropriate solution to provide the services is in place.

**Note 5 – Nursing Services – HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka**

Since 2005, HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka (previously the CCAC) has been funding a First Nations Band to provide nursing services. The organization is not approved to provide these services as a Service Provider Organization or a Health Service Provider. HCCSS North Simcoe Muskoka is working with Ontario Health (Central) and the Ministry to find a solution to appropriately qualify the organization to provide nursing services.