



# Canadian Healthcare Association Association canadienne des soins de santé

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## **CHA Board Meeting Highlights: October 27-28, 2011 for CHA Board Members and Member Organizations**

Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) Board members met in Ottawa, Ontario on October 27-28, 2011 to discuss issues facing the Association and the health system, and to determine future directions. Highlights from this meeting are outlined below.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** The Board has recommitted to CHA's strategic directions and goals, initially approved for 2009 to 2012, given their continuing resonance for Members. Assessment of CHA's value proposition continues, and will ultimately lead to a new strategic plan in 2012, to guide the organization into future years.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** The President of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), Dr. John Haggie, and the CEO and Secretary General of CMA, Mr. Paul-Émile Cloutier, provided CHA Members with a presentation on the *Principles to Guide Health Care Transformation in Canada*.

**PHARMACARE:** The Board has invested considerable time over the past year reviewing its positions on various aspects of pharmacare. Following this thorough process, which included consultations with external stakeholders, the Board has approved a position reflecting their concern that no Canadian should suffer undue financial hardship with regard to needs for drug therapy.

**CPSI DISCLOSURE GUIDELINES:** The Board was pleased to provide formal endorsement of CPSI's document *Canadian Disclosure Guidelines: Being Open with Patients and Families*. CHA was involved with the development of this much anticipated document, along with other key health stakeholders.

**FEDERAL TRANSFERS:** The CHA Board has been discussing the issue of per capita versus needs-based federal health transfers, and decided to keep a monitoring watch on the matter, but at this time will not change its current position, which supports per capita transfers.

**BUDGET 2012:** As per the recommendation made by the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Directors approved the 2012 budget as presented.

**BOARD/CEO FORUM MEMBER DEPARTURES AND ADDITIONS:** CHA would like to acknowledge and thank Board Member, Mr. Ron Williams (Nova Scotia) and CEO Forum Member, Mr. John Peddle (Newfoundland and Labrador) for their years of service on the CHA Board. CHA would also like to welcome the following new Board Member, Ms. Betsy Gibbons (British Columbia) and CEO Forum Members, Mr. Chris Mazurkewich (Alberta) and Mr. Michael Marchbank (British Columbia).

**NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:**  
February 23-24, 2012 – Ottawa, Ontario  
June 2-3, 2012 – Halifax, Nova Scotia  
October 25-26, 2012 – Ottawa, Ontario

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