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Media Release

Award in Leading Governance Excellence

The Board of Directors of the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Wins Inaugural Award in Leading Governance Excellence.

The OHA Governance Centre of Excellence (GCE) recognized the Lake of the Woods District Hospital's Board of Directors for outstanding achievement in Health Care Governance at the OHA Health Achieve Conference in Toronto on November 4, 2013. This is the first year in their eight year existence that the GCE has awarded a health care organization for excellence in governance.

The awards are designed to acknowledge hospital / health care boards that demonstrate best practices in governance and are presented in two categories:

1. A small, rural and northern health care board in Ontario
2. Any other health care board in Ontario

The Governance Centre of Excellence evaluated Ontario health care organizations, who submitted applications, on the following six criteria: Relevance, Leadership, Engagement, Innovation, Outcomes and Applicability. The GCE selection committee chose the Lake of the Woods District Hospital's Board of Directors as the first ever recipient of the "Leading Governance Excellence" Award in the small, rural and northern health care board category.

Hospital Board Chair, Fred Richardson, along with other hospital representatives were presented with the award in a ceremony at the Health Achieve Conference in Toronto last week. Mr. Richardson stated "I am honored and delighted on behalf of the entire Lake of the Woods District Hospital Board to accept this award. The Board and staff have worked very hard over the past six years to achieve excellence in governance through best practices in community engagement, leadership, policy development, innovation, accountability, and applicability. It is wonderful to be the first small, rural and northern health care organization in Ontario to be recognized for this achievement".

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