



The HNHB Hospice Palliative Care Network is very happy to introduce Carol McKenna as the new Chair of the Network. Carol assumed the Chair's position after a confirmation process at the last Advisory Committee meeting January 25, 2011.

Carol was a founding member of our HNHB Hospice Palliative Care Network and has served on the Advisory Committee as the sector representative for Complex Continuing Care Hospitals since November 2007 and on the Interim Advisory Committee before that. She is a member of the Service Delivery Standing Committee and a Co-Chair of the Network's Hamilton Central Area Planning Committee. Carol has also volunteered her time to serve on various Network working groups and ad hoc committees as well.

Carol has been the Clinical Manager for the Palliative Care Program at St. Peter's Hospital Site, Hamilton Health Sciences, since July of 1997. She was previously the Director of Social Work at St. Peter's from 1990 to 1997. She received her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Western Ontario in 1985 and her Master of Social Work from the University of Toronto in 1988. She has held a Practice Instructor appointment with the School of Social Work, McMaster University for many years and has also been involved with committee work in the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. She was an active member of the original Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Palliative Care Program starting in 1997 and she Co-Chaired this regional program in 1998 / 99. She project managed a collaboration team to review opportunities to regionalize palliative care services for Hamilton hospitals and presented the resulting report, "Remodelling – A Proposal to Provide Regionalized Palliative Care Services for Hamilton Hospitals", to the Regional Services Co-ordinating Committee for area hospitals. Carol was also an active participant in the development of the District Health Council, System Design Report for Palliative Care Services in March 2001 and she sat on the District Health Council / MOHLTC Task Group that developed the proposal for a Hamilton Hospice Palliative Care Network in June 2002. We look forward to working with Carol to continue the Network's important work in hospice palliative care.

The Network would like to thank Beth Ellis for her dedication and contributions to the Network serving as Chair since November 2007. Beth was also a founding member of the HNHB Hospice Palliative Care Network serving on the Interim Advisory Committee and the HNHB EOL Care Network Development Task Force. Beth's commitment to the Network is highlighted by the many committees and working groups she has, and is, serving on in addition to her responsibilities as Executive Director of the Dr. Bob Kemp Centre for Hospice Palliative Care. The Network is very pleased that Beth will remain on the Advisory Committee serving as Past Chair for the next term.

Thank you Beth! Congratulations Carol!