



Message from Your ACHE Regent

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Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator. And change has its enemies.

Robert Kennedy

I hope that in your part of this beautiful and fortunate country spring is on the way.

Coming up shortly, ACHE has the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago, 14-17 March. I look forward to seeing some Chapter members in attendance. And if the Canadian-U.S. dollar exchange rate continues to be unfavourable, attending a Cluster program may be cost-beneficial. Check out the exceptional offerings at http://ache.org/SEMINARS/cluster_index.cfm

I also remind each Chapter member to keep your address current, especially your e-mail address. Go to the **My ACHE** section of the www.ache.org website to update your address information. And don't forget to select the box EACH time you update this information at the bottom of the page:

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I welcome the following new members of ACHE in Canada (Nov. 2015-Feb. 2016) who automatically become members of the Canadian Chapter:

New Members:

Vanessa Saldanha, Oakville, ON
Abdulraheem Sbayi, Mississauga, ON
Brian Harvey, St. Catherines, ON

Fellows:

Atefeh Samadi-niya, Mississauga, ON

Recertified Fellows:

Wayne M. Coveyduck, FACHE,
Napanee, ON
Joseph P. Verga, FACHE, London, ON
Cholly Boland, FACHE, Winchester, ON

James R. Haney, FACHE, Regina, SK
Caterina L. Valentino, FACHE, North York,
ON
Kevin R. Sulewski, FACHE, Hamilton, ON

A little time before Christmas I was commiserating with a colleague who worked at a regional health authority over the constant negative publicity his health region and its work seemed to get. To this individual it was unfair little recognition is paid to the "little small acts done on a daily basis by ordinary people."

I agreed with him and remembered similar feelings when I worked in health regions myself. And regrettably today, the value of managers and leaders throughout public service is also denigrated when, in fact, they are the glue that holds organizations together and essential for lasting transformational change.

Robert Kennedy said: "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total; of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

That is the call to action for us as "Leaders who Care" ©. Let us in this noble profession do our small part each and every day.

Thank you for your contributions in many different venues, care settings and positions to the patients we serve. And a special thanks to the members of the Canadian Forces, including Chapter members, serving in Canada and throughout the world. Ours is a profession and a calling "for leaders who care"©.

I welcome your comments and advice. Please contact me at David.Kay@HW4Alberta.ca.

Regards,



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