

The Hon. Roy J. Romanow to speak at Providence Care 3rd Annual Leadership Conference

Kingston, ON (September 17, 2009) – The Hon. Roy J. Romanow will address hundreds of regional health care professionals and community members on Friday, September 18 at Providence Care’s Annual Leadership Conference, *Thinking together for a change*.

The Hon. Romanow is a leader in public health care. He is widely recognized for his work as the Chair of the Institute of Wellbeing Advisory Board. Mr. Romanow is the former Commissioner on the Future of Health Care in Canada and the former Premier of Saskatchewan. He will open the conference and discuss his views on “Engaging Canadians: Leadership for Change” and his work on the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW).

“Leadership charts a clear and unambiguous course,” Romanow said, highlighting his speech to Providence Care. “Leadership informs and engages so that involvement, responsibility and ownership are the pillars of change. And when change comes, it happens in a way that flows out of our community’s and our country’s values.”

This is the third consecutive year for the day-long Providence Care Leadership Conference, which will be held at St. Lawrence College. The annual conference is a learning opportunity for staff and brings together agencies, programs and services across the health care continuum to share information and perspectives.

“Providence Care is committed to continuous improvement and consistent quality in every thing we do,” said Dale Kenney, Providence Care President & CEO. “Our employees are the foundation of our success and by supporting them and investing in their professional development we are building leadership capacity within our organization and in the community.”

Other speakers of the day include Juanita Brown, Ph.D., who is the co-originator of the World Café, a leading-edge approach to large scale dialogue and systemic change that is used in health care, government, and education industries.

Also joining the group is Dr. Phil Cass, Ph.D., and CEO of Columbus Medical Association. His model of transforming health care through effective engagement based on conversation as a core process is known throughout the world as a leading best practice.

Conference speakers will be available to the media at 9:45 a.m.

Providence Care is southeastern Ontario’s leading provider of adult mental health treatment and rehabilitation, complex continuing care, forensic psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, palliative care, specialized geriatric medicine, long-term care and rehabilitation programs. One of Kingston’s university hospitals, Providence Care has three main sites in Kingston: Mental Health Services, St. Mary’s of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor, as well as 18 community locations. Affiliated with Queen’s University, Providence Care is a major centre for teaching and research.

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