



A Message from our Executive Director, David Langstaff..... "I would like to welcome to the Laboratory Medicine Network the teams from Brant Community Health System, Norfolk General Hospital, West Haldimand General Hospital and Haldimand War Memorial Hospital". As part of my orientation to the new Lab Medicine Network member organizations, I have met with the Medical Directors and Administrative leaders from each site to begin to understand the operations and how we can best support and learn from each other. I would like to thank all teams for the warm welcome, openness to sharing and enthusiasm for working together. Our initial conversations have identified several opportunities to collaborate and share best practices. In my early discussions, introductions to staff and tours of the laboratories I have been thoroughly impressed at all sites with the high quality standards and levels of commitment to patient care evident in the leadership approach and dedication of the employees across the laboratories. I am confident and excited about the benefits we will experience across the network through this expansion of skill and experience. I look forward to being a regular member of each sites leadership team meetings and further defining how we can leverage all of the considerable strengths and capabilities across the network. If you have any questions for me, please reach out at [AskDavid@hhsc.ca](mailto:AskDavid@hhsc.ca).

## ***It was Summer...but not a Vacation!***

Throughout the summer months, the LHIN Laboratory Council, Administrative and Medical Directors and operations managers met multiple times to focus on starting a new path together as a Council and building on the positive work done in the past few years. These teams worked on developing key vision statements for the LHIN Laboratory Medicine Network, team building and identifying current priorities and integration opportunities for the next few years. As these are presented for approval by the LHIN Laboratory Council in the next few months, they will be communicated here...so stay tuned to hear more!

## **Capital Planning....**

Over the next few months, we will be updating our Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Capital Submission for a 2 Hub and Spoke Service Delivery model for laboratory services. There are a number of elements to the submission that will need input from all levels of our organizations and possibly some external assistance as well. We will continue to keep you informed of progress in this area.