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Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario

2 Bloor Street West  
4th Floor, Suite 400  
Toronto ON  
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Dear Commissioners Lankin and Sheikh:

**Re: Invitation to Participate in York Region Community Consultation**

On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, I would like to invite you to a consultation our Region is organizing to help bring together perspectives from the Service Manager and the community on the upcoming Options Paper.

As a Service Manager, York Region has a critical stake in the options being presented. We are involved as both a funder and manager of Ontario Works and other integrated human services, plus as a level of government striving to create strong, caring and safe communities for all residents within a fiscally challenging environment.

The consultation is being hosted by the York Region Human Services Planning Board (HSPB-YR). The HSPB-YR is a multi-sector collaborative of human service organizations/agencies/networks and community leaders. Its main purpose is to enhance human services within York Region through community capacity building and engagement, and collaborative advocacy. A list of HSPB-YR members is attached for your information. Additional information about HSPB-YR is available at [www.york.ca/hspb](http://www.york.ca/hspb)

HSPB-YR will work with the York Region Food Network, Social Planning Council of York Region and other community groups to promote the consultation among stakeholders.

The work of the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario (the Commission) provides an important opportunity to bring the community together to respond to the options put forward and provide suggestions that result in better outcomes for people receiving social assistance.

The consultation will build on the input already provided by Regional Council and the York Region Social Audit, co-convened by the Poverty Action for Change Coalition and the York Region Food Network, on the Commission's *Discussion Paper: Issues and Ideas*.

In the past, the Commission has held consultations in various areas of the province to gather input for their work. We hope to add York Region to this list through our community consultation.

Janet Rurak, our Program Manager of Human Services Collaboration, will follow-up with the Commission on possible dates once the Options Paper is released.

Yours truly,



Bill Fisch  
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Attachment - 1

# Human Services Planning Board of York Region (HSPB-YR)

## Member List - 2010-2014

Member Organizations	Regional Government Sector:	Member Organizations	Regional Government Sector:
Tina DiSimone, Dean, Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences, Principal of King Campus, Seneca College	Bill Fisch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), The Regional Municipality of York	John Taylor, Regional Councillor, Town of Newmarket and Co-Chair of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region	Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, The Regional Municipality of York
Deborah Bonk Greenwood, President and CEO, Vaughan Chamber of Commerce	Elizabeth McIsaac, Executive Director, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC)	Patricia Cousins, Chief Executive Officer, Social Enterprise for Canada (SEC), Ms. Cousins represents the Welcome Centre Immigrant Services and its five lead agencies.	Ken Thurston, Director of Education, York Region District School Board (YRDSB)
Community and Social Support-Based Services Sector:	Kirsten Eastwood, Executive Director, Women's Centre of York Region	Community Leader Members	David Cox, Director, Human Resources and Occupational Health and Safety, Southlake Regional Health Centre and Vice Chair of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region. Mr. Cox represents all three York Region hospitals.
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, Town of Markham	Community Development Sector:	Bill Hogarth, Former Co-Chair, Human Services Planning Coalition (HSPC)	Community-based Healthcare Sector:
Stephen Gaetz, Associate Dean, Research and Field Development, Faculty of Education, York University	Faith and Homelessness Sector:	Rehana Sumar, Executive Director (Acting), Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold (MIOTC)	Non-Profit Community Investment Sector:
Government Advisor and Resource Members	Sandy McMillan, Service Delivery Manager, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities	Victoria van Hemert, Senior Director, Central Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN)	Children, Youth and Family Services Sector:
Catherine Campbell, Regional Advisor, Ministry of Culture, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion (Sport and Recreation Branch)			Community Safety Sector:
			Chief Eric Joffite, York Regional Police
			Daniele Zanotti, CEO, United Way of York Region
			Isabel Araya, Executive Director, Vaughan Community Health Centre (VCHC)
			Carol Lever (Altrane Member), Director, Integration & Quality Improvement, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) York Region
			Wyn Chivers, Chief Executive Officer, CHATS Community & Home Assistance to Seniors

HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING BOARD  
OF YORK REGION (HSPB-YR)

### Mandate

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of human services in York Region through capacity building in the human services sector and collaborative advocacy.

### Vision

A healthy and vibrant community enhanced through inclusive, collaborative and innovative human services.

### Mission

To develop and implement system solutions which enhance community health and well-being.

### Seven Guiding Principles

Accountability and Transparency  
Collaboration  
Communication  
Community Engagement  
Creating a Healthy Community  
Mindset of Sharing  
Respect and Diversity