

MBNCANADA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the MBNCanada National Forum held in April of this year, Meighan Finlay was introduced as the new Executive Director. Meighan takes over the position from Connie Wheeler who has held the position since 2010 and retired at the end of June 2019.

Meighan served as the Executive Director of the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) from 1994 - 2013, an organization committed to supporting accountability, excellence and continuous quality improvement in Ontario public health units. As the Executive Director, she was responsible for the overall operation of the organization, including strategic and operational planning, monitoring and evaluation; financial management; program and policy development, as well as training and development. In addition to acting as an advisor to the Board of Directors, she also represented the organization on numerous provincial and community committees.

After this position, she was employed by the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit to create the position of Standards and Accountability Officer. She was responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the agency's performance and compliance with internal and external accountability agreement indicators; strategic planning and risk management initiatives and continuous quality improvement. Meighan most recently completed a contract with the City of Hamilton, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division. As an Early Years Project Manager, she was responsible for the development and coordination of a broad range of program activities related to the implementation of the early years community plan.

What people had to say about Meighan:

- Highly developed, with “remarkable” interpersonal skills.
- Excellent communicator who is exceptional at building relationships.
- Team player who knows how to bring out the best in people.
- Self-directed, disciplined, and very organized.
- Honest, thoughtful and caring.
- Ability to gather data/concepts and make them relatable – “She is a great teacher with a hunger for knowledge.”
- Strategic thinker.
- At OCCHA, “Meighan was considered the ‘sparkplug’ in the whole organization”.

"As the new Executive Director, I look forward to working with the MBN Canada Board, Municipal Leads and service area experts in supporting excellence in municipal service delivery."

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