

June 3rd.2009:

The Collaborative met for what was to be the final meeting of the Project's partnership of Provincial Agencies and authority for OPADD. In response to Regional Co-chair appeals to maintain a provincial connection for the Regions, the representatives of both sectors at this meeting recognized that the significant gains made through this project must be secured.

Therefore, The (New) Collaborative group agreed to continue its' role of supporting the Regions as the Co-chairs of each maintain and grow their linkages of Long Term Care Workers with those Developmental Disability Service Workers. The Collaborative will continue the joint chair role with Margaret Ringland of Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors, and Sandy Keshen of REENA. The Ontario Long Term Care Association - Nancy Cooper, and OASIS- Denis McClelland, as well as Sandy Stemp of REENA complete the group.

The group will be meeting by telephone conferencing during the summer months. Keep tuned to the Website for further information and news from the Regions.