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Press Release:

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group is pleased to welcome the expertise and passion of Adalsteinn Brown, Frank Klees and Dr. Samir Sinha to their Advisory Board

(Mississauga, ON, September 16, 2014) – Closing the Gap Healthcare Group (CTGHG) is pleased to announce that Frank Klees and Dr. Samir Sinha have joined the panel of experts on their Advisory Board. CTGHG is further pleased to announce the return of Dr. Adalsteinn Brown to their Advisory Board panel. “Our advisors share a common bond in their commitment to advancing homecare while improving quality of life in the community. We look forward to growing and learning with their collaborative expertise on our Advisory Board.” says Connie Clerici, President and CEO of Closing the Gap Healthcare Group.

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group’s Advisory Board consists of highly qualified and respected individuals who together have a vast range of experience, including corporate health law, risk management, insurance, executive leadership, public policy, senior’s care, governance, business management, quality management, client safety and the health care industry. The addition of these leaders to this Advisory Board renews the energy and commitment of an already exceptionally talented group.

Adalsteinn D. Brown

Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown is the Director of the Institute for Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the Faculty of Medicine and the Dalla Lana Chair in Public Health Policy and the Head of the Division of Public Health Policy at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. He is also a Scientist in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael’s Hospital. He has published nearly 80 papers and book chapters, including a number on cost-effectiveness of new technologies.

Past roles include the Assistant Deputy Minister for Strategy and Policy at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and for Science and Research at the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation. At the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care he was responsible for a number of initiatives to increase the use of evidence in health policy making that have been described in the *Millbank Quarterly*. He also led work leading to the passage of the Excellent Care for All Act, the first comprehensive law on quality in Canada that increases the role of evidence in health coverage and financing decisions.

He received his undergraduate degree in government from Harvard University and his doctorate from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has received several leadership awards including being named one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40" in recognition for his work on performance measurement in health care. He has held founding roles in consulting, software, and Internet companies and has advised the World Health Organization, banks, software and insurance companies, and health care providers in North America, Europe, and Asia.



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Frank F. Klees

Mr. Klees' career spans 25 years in financial services, contract negotiation, real estate development and the energy sector. His private sector experience was followed by 19 years as a Member of the Ontario Legislature where he served in senior leadership roles including Minister of Transportation, Minister of Tourism and Management Board of Cabinet. Frank also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees including Justice and Public Accounts and was Vice Chair of the Select Committee on the Proposed Transaction of the TMX Group and the London Stock Exchange Group. As President of Klees & Associates, he is providing advisory and Government Relations services to public and private corporations.

Dr. Samir K. Sinha MD, DPhil, FRCPC

Dr. Samir Sinha is a passionate and respected advocate for the needs of older adults. Dr. Sinha currently serves as the Director of Geriatrics at Mount Sinai and the University Health Network Hospitals in Toronto and in 2012 he was appointed by the Government of Ontario to serve as the expert lead of the Ontario's Seniors Strategy. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine, Family and Community Medicine, and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Sinha also serves as the Chair of the Health Professionals Advisory Committee of the Toronto Central LHIN, is a Medical Advisor to the Toronto Central CCAC and an Associate Fellow with interRAI.

Dr. Sinha's breadth of international training and expertise in health policy and the delivery of services related to the care of the elderly have made him a highly regarded expert in the care of older adults. He has consulted and advised hospitals and health authorities in Britain, Canada, the United States and China on the implementation and administration of unique, integrated and innovative models of geriatric care that reduce disease burden, improve access and capacity and ultimately promote health.

The above-noted leaders join CTGHG's existing Advisory Board members, **Faizel Alladina, Dr. Ross Baker, Elinor Caplan, Lynne Golding, John King, Dr. Thomas McGowan, Marilyn Monk, Terry Sullivan and David Wright.**

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ABOUT CLOSING THE GAP HEALTHCARE GROUP

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group is a fully accredited and award-winning organization that provides community-based nursing, support, and rehabilitation services.

Over 800 staff members provide compassionate high quality care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our range of professional and support services are available to all age groups across Ontario whenever and wherever they are needed—in homes, schools, workplaces, long-term care homes, hospitals and clinics.

In 2013, CTGHG is proud to have achieved a 100% score from Accreditation Canada which resulted in a four year Accreditation of Exemplary Status. The accreditation status further solidifies CTGHG's commitment to achieving a sustainable healthcare system that empowers individuals to live their best lives.



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