

Press Release:

Closing the Gap Healthcare group welcomes the expertise of Francesca Grosso to their Advisory Board

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group (“CTG”) is honoured that Francesca Grosso is joining its Advisory Board. According to Connie Clerici, CEO: “Francesca’s extensive experience in Canadian healthcare policy will reinforce Closing the Gap’s commitment to client care of an exceptionally high quality.”

CTG’s Advisory board consists of highly qualified and respected individuals with a vast range of experience, including corporate health law, risk management, insurance, executive leadership, public policy, senior care, governance, business management, quality management, client safety and the health care industry.

Francesca Grosso

Francesca has been immersed in health care strategy, policy and communications for more than 15 years. She served as a Director of Policy to the Ontario Minister of Health, and was Vice President of Health Care at Environics Research Group. Her work includes numerous studies of key health issues, including a review of legislation pertaining to private health clinics, co-authored with Tom Archibald. Francesca was part of a team that worked with Dr. Ross Baker on legislative and policy review for the Patient Safety Institute, related to quality assurance programs across Canada. She has also given strategic advice on health care issues to both the federal and provincial governments.

Francesca is currently responsible for developing and executing strategy, public affairs and communications to assist clients to achieve legislative, regulatory and policy change at the federal and provincial levels of government. She is a board member of Patients Canada, a group that brings the patient voice to public policy, and is also a reviewer for Canadian Institute of Health Research innovations projects.

Francesca worked with Michael Decter to establish the Health Council of Canada and was a transition team member establishing the new federal agencies, the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer under Jeff Lozon, and the Mental Health Commission under Michael Kirby.

She and Michael Decter also co-authored a Canadian bestseller, *Navigating Canada’s Health Care System*, which provides help, direction, tips and tricks to help Canadians navigate a complex health care system with better results. Francesca Grosso has recently completed *The History of Sunnybrook Hospital: Battle to Greatness*, published by Dundurn Press in November 2014.

ABOUT CLOSING THE GAP HEALTHCARE GROUP

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group is a fully accredited organization that provides community and clinic-based nursing, support, and rehabilitation services to over 250,000 residents in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Over 1,400 staff members provide compassionate, high quality care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Their 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.

For more information about Closing the Gap Healthcare Group, visit www.closingthegap.ca