



## Sparrow Lake Alliance Invited Consultation Day 2006

### Board Governance: Accountability and System Wide Outcomes for Children and Youth

#### **Presenter Biography - Ruth R. Armstrong, MBA Vision Management**

Ruth R. Armstrong founded VISION Management Services in 1986 – a management consulting practice committed to building accountable organizations through strategic leadership. Ruth has provided leadership development and consultation to more than 250 public, private and nonprofit organizations in Canada and the United States. She specializes in the areas of Governance, Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, Conflict Resolution and Organizational Change.

Ruth has an MBA from the University of Toronto and is an Adjunct Faculty Member at York University – Schulich School of Business. Ruth is a recognized leader in governance, teaches non-profit governance and accountability in the MBA program, and has published a number of articles on the subject.

#### **Presenter Biography - Bruce Rivers, Executive Director Child Welfare Secretariat**

As former Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, a position he held since 1988, Mr. Rivers was responsible for directing one of the largest child welfare agencies in North America with an annual budget of approximately \$140 million, and more than 800 staff, 650 volunteers and 360 foster homes.

In April of 2004, Bruce was seconded to Ontario's Ministry of Children and Youth Services, as Executive Director to the newly formed Child Welfare Secretariat, where he is providing interim leadership to a major policy reform initiative focused on improving child welfare outcomes for children and addressing sustainability within the sector.

Under Bruce's continued leadership, the Child Welfare Secretariat team has extended its term into the next fiscal year and is focusing on legislative amendments as proposed through Bill 210 as well as various program design and implementation plans to support transformation. The Secretariat is now responsible for all aspects of child welfare policy and Bruce represents the ministry on federal/provincial/territorial matters with respect to child welfare as required.

In August of this year Bruce will begin assume his new responsibilities as the CEO for Community Living Toronto.

Bruce is the former president of the Child Welfare League of Canada and at an international level is the President for the International Forum for Child Welfare effective January, 2006.

#### **Facilitator Biography - Graham R. Clyne, HBA, MA Director, Canadian Institute for Economic Evaluation Managing Partner, Change Collective**

Graham leads the Foundation for Learning and Social Enhancement as the Research Director for a national initiative known as the "Prevention Dividend Project" – an effort to encourage the understanding and use of economic evaluation in Canada's non-profit and public sectors. As the leading proponent of economic evaluations, Graham has published, presented and created multimedia resources on the subject, founding and creating a training organization – the Canadian Institute of Economic Evaluation – to sustain the work.

As a private consultant with the Change Collective, Graham has mentored a broad cross section of public, private and non-profit organizations, assisting groups with strategic planning, evaluation planning, organizational change, and a wide variety of team building, human resource and customer service challenges. An accomplished presenter and public speaker, Graham has engaged groups across the country on a range of topics, with a particular focus on innovation, successful change, and excellence in the voluntary sector.

A committed volunteer, Graham has served a number of significant local and provincial boards including organizations like the Peter F. Drucker Foundation, the Children's Aid Society, and the Province of Ontario's Early Years Task Force. Currently, Graham serves as the Board Chair of the Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse (OPC) and is Co-Chair of the Sparrow Lake Alliance.

## Invited Participants

Alia	Ahmed	Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services
Gail	Aitken	Children In Limbo Task Force
Sharon	Anderson	Turning Point Youth Services
Jim	Armstrong	Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres
Michael	Armstrong	Centennial College
Susan	Armstrong	George Hull Centre
Ruth	Armstrong	Vision Management Services
Leslie	Atkinson	Safeguards Training for Children and Adult Services
Douglas	Bartholomew-Saunders	Regional Municipality of Niagara / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Ray	Bernys	Etobicoke Children's Centre
Kathleen	Blackwood	Halton CAS
Ron	Book	Adolescent's Family Support Services of Niagara
Terry	Brennan	Children's Mental Health Ontario
Jacquie	Brown	Kinark Child & Family Services
Clare	Burns	The Office of the Children's Lawyer
Graham	Clyne	Prevention Dividend Project / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Colin	Dart	Turning Point Youth Services
Lou Ann	DeLong	Service Coordinator Peterborough
Donna	Denny	Family, Youth & Child Services of Muskoka
Celia	Denov	SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Mary	Di Francesco	Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto
Dennis	Draves	Jeanne Sauve Family Services
Larry	Elmer	Kinark Child & Family Services
Jan	Fordham	Toronto Public Health
Shelley	Francis	Coldwell Banker
Cynthia	Hearn	Children's Services Council City of Kawartha Lakes
Terry	Henry	Dawn Patrol Child & Youth Services / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Margaret	Jarrell	Adolescent's Family Support Services of Niagara
Lwellyn	Joseph	Humber River Regional Hospital / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Patrick	Lake	Timiskaming Child & Family Services / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Jeanette	Lewis	Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies
Caroline	Lockett	Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto
Nancy	MacLaren	Toronto CAS
Nadia	Mazaheri	Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services
Terry	McCarthy	Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services
Nancy	McGillivray	Halton CAS
Peter	Moore	Kinark Child & Family Services
Suzanne	Mulligan	Halton Children's Aid Society
Fiona	Nelson	Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
Susan	Nicholson	Sudbury Child & Family Centre
Dennis	Nolan	Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies
Nancy	Peters	Massey Centre for Women
Camille	Quennville	Children's Mental Health Ontario
Andre	Clement	Sudbury Child & Family Centre
Bruce	Rivers	Child Welfare Secretariat
Jackie	Robertson	Treatment Foster Care, CAS
Thom	Rolfe	Grand River Hospital
Kathy	Simpson	Barrie Board of Education / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Jacqueline	Smith	The Circle for Children and Youth in Care/CIL Task Force
Donna	Spagnolo	BLG Canada
John	Spekkens	Hincks-Dellcrest Centre
Margaret	Steele	London Health Sciences Centre / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Pauline	Thornton	Trillium Lakelands DSB / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Adelina	Urbanski	Regional Municipality of Halton / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Robin	Williams	Medical Officer of Health, Niagara / SLA STEERING COMMITTEE
Gay	Wrye	Windsor Regional Children's Centre