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### *Dwight Duncan, Minister of Energy, Visits Four Counties*

Maria Van Bommel MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex escorted Dwight Duncan, Minister of Energy, representing Dalton McGuinty, on a tour of Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) on September 20, 2007.

During the tour, The Minister spoke with Alison Lenny, Diabetes Program Coordinator for the Middlesex Hospital Alliance. Mr. Duncan was very familiar with the funding for the Diabetic Education Programs and mechanisms in place to address this disease.

He also had the opportunity to view the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) in the Diagnostic Imaging Department and the newly implemented Point of Care Testing (POCT) to perform laboratory tests.

The Minister also spoke with Dr. Chris Hull, a physician recently recruited to the four counties area. Ms. Van Bommel stated, "With the addition of Dr. Hull and the arrival of Dr. Morgan at the end of the month, Four Counties will lose its underserved designation which it has had since 1995. This is great news for the community!"

Dwight Duncan recognized the contributions made by back benchers like Maria Van Bommel to the rural ridings. "It's rural MPPs like Maria who in caucus ensure that the government policies and legislation addresses the needs of the rural communities and institutions like their schools and hospitals."