

Local Health Integration Networks: Building a True System

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As promised, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is pleased to provide you with details on the 14 workshops designed to initiate the planning work in the 14 LHIN areas. As well, this update contains additional information related to our work on LHINs: the formation of an Action Group.

In anticipation of the workshops in each LHIN area, the November 15 Bulletin will contain a consolidated summary of the feedback we've received in response to the questions posed in **Bulletin No. 1**.

LHIN Planning Workshops

Beginning November 19, the ministry will hold 14 one-day facilitated workshops in each of the 14 LHIN areas. The workshops are designed to kick-start the process of communities self-organizing to prepare the ground for the transition to LHINs in each area. This process reflects the ministry's belief that many of the solutions that will guide LHIN implementation lie within the community itself. This is an important first step in an ongoing process for engaging providers, associations, and community groups in the development of LHINs in each area.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide the context for LHINs and their key role within the broader Health Transformation agenda.
- Share information on LHIN development
- Kick-off the planning work for integrating services within each LHIN; and
- Determine the process and identify opportunities for health care partners in each LHIN to work together

Each session will cover:

- An overview of the LHIN initiative by senior ministry officials
- A Questions and Answers period
- An outline of the tasks, deliverables, and timelines for your LHIN
- A facilitated discussion

The Day's Work:

- At the workshops, participants will receive the support and the tools they need to help them answer a number of important questions that will assist and influence the creation of their individual LHIN.
- The Ministry's Health Results Team will provide materials to help communities identify and capture system integration opportunities specific to their LHIN.
- The workshops are intended to provide a head start for planning in each LHIN. The information and reports generated from this task will be available to the inaugural LHIN Board meetings scheduled for

April 2005 and will form the foundation for LHIN integrated health system planning.

- At the workshop, communities will be asked to submit their completed reports to the ministry **within 60 days of the date of their particular LHIN workshop.**

The reports will be posted on the Transformation web site (www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation) so that the information and ideas can be shared more broadly.

Participation and Registration

The workshops are open to representatives of health care providers, associations, and health-related organizations, including: home care and community support services providers, community mental health services providers, community health centers, long-term care facilities, Community Care Access Centres, hospitals, District Health Councils, Aboriginal Health Centres, local public health agencies, patient advocacy and consumer health groups, French language health service providers, physicians, nurses, regulatory colleges, and ministry Regional Offices.

In an effort to allow as many agencies and groups as possible to attend and in light of the of space restrictions, we will limit attendance to TWO REPRESENTATIVES PER ORGANIZATION, PER WORKSHOP. We appreciate your cooperation in respecting this limit.

To register, please complete the online Registration Form posted at www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation no later **than November 12, 2004.** Only one registration form per person, please.

Please note that detailed venue information and driving directions for each workshop will be emailed to you upon registration, along with your registration confirmation.

Action Group

The ministry is pleased to announce the establishment of a provincial Action Group to provide expert advice on the design and implementation of LHINs.

In an effort to ensure input from a broad range of providers and partners, the Action Group is composed of provincial associations representing: home care providers, community support services providers, community mental health services providers, community health centers, long-term care facilities,

Community Care Access Centres, hospitals, District Health Councils, local public health agencies, French language health service providers, physicians, nurses, and ministry Regional Offices.

The Action Group will advise the ministry's Health Results – Systems Integration team in the areas of governance and accountability, human resources, health system planning and evaluation, service delivery coordination and integration, financial models and systems, change management and community engagement, and business operations and infrastructures. The ministry anticipates that, in conjunction with the work of the Action Group, additional working groups drawn from across the entire health care sector will be formed to advise on specific matters related to LHIN implementation.

We thank the members of the Action Group for their commitment and for their input into the LHIN planning workshops.

Thank you for participating in the building of a true health care system in Ontario. We look forward to working with all on this important initiative.

Please look for the LHIN Bulletin on the 15th day of every month. Also, as more information becomes available, LHIN-related updates and reports will be posted on this site on the 1st day of every month as necessary.

Workshop Schedules and Locations

The workshops will be held in the following locations as per the schedule below. Bilingual services will be provided where required.

Date	LHIN	City
Friday, November 19	Waterloo Wellington	Waterloo
Monday, November 22	Erie St. Clair	Chatham
Tuesday, November 23	South West	London
Wednesday, November 24	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant	Hamilton
Thursday, November 25	North West	Thunder Bay
Friday, November 26	North East	Sudbury
Monday, November 29	North Simcoe Muskoka	Orillia
Tuesday, November 30	Central West	Orangeville
Wednesday, December 1	Central	Aurora
Thursday, December 2	Central East	Markham
Friday, December 3	Mississauga Oakville	Mississauga
Monday, December 6	Champlain	Ottawa
Tuesday, December 7	South East	Kingston
Wednesday, December 8	Toronto Central	Toronto