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END STAGE RENAL DISEASE REVIEW

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This is a project overview of the District Health Council's current review of end stage renal disease and associated services in the planning area. We encourage you to share this newsletter with colleagues in your community.

BACKGROUND:

End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) is a very significant concern within the Durham Haliburton Kawartha & Pine Ridge (Durham HKPR) planning area, and indeed across the province. ESRD requires patients to receive either dialysis services or a kidney transplant in order to survive.

It is important that accurate and timely, evidence-based plans support the delivery of ESRD services, including prevention, dialysis treatments, patient training, vascular access services, pre-dialysis and follow-up clinic care.

Within the DHC planning area, there are two regional providers of dialysis services offering in-centre and satellite care: Lakeridge Health Corporation and the HKPR Regional Dialysis Program. Dialysis Management Services also operates independent health facilities in Peterborough and Ajax.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Durham HKPR District Health Council has been requested, by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, to undertake a review of the ESRD services within the planning area, using a regional approach for care and addressing cross-border issues within its planning area.

The ESRD review will address the needs of residents in the DHC's planning area, regardless of where that care is currently provided, and project future needs for 5-year and 10-year planning horizons.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the ESRD review is to:

1. Assess current ESRD services, including in-centre and home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis; project future needs; and identify projected gaps in service.
2. Review current practices against best practices in prevention, kidney transplant and ESRD services delivery.
3. Identify potential strategies and alternatives to address projected future service needs, including opportunities for further integration and collaboration within the local care systems.
4. Develop the recommended options to best meet future requirements for these services, addressing the balance of services, needs and resources for sustainability of the system and areas for expansion or relocation of services.

The methodology will consider:

- Increasing incidence and prevalence of ESRD;
- Increasing prevalence of diseases and conditions that cause chronic kidney failure; and,
- Continued population growth, aging and ethnic diversity.

REVIEW TIMEFRAME:

The review process is expected to take approximately 6 months. A report will be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care late fall 2004.

END STAGE RENAL DISEASE REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Durham HKPR End Stage Renal Disease Review Steering Committee is a time-limited, project-specific group whose responsibilities include:

- Applying project methodology and appropriate assumptions;
- Selecting members for any ad hoc reference groups reporting to it;
- Receiving and approving input and recommendations from the reference groups;
- Identifying and addressing cross-border issues and impacts;
- Reporting to the District Health Council, via its Chair, on a regular monthly basis or as necessary;
- Developing a final plan for ESRD services for the Durham HKPR DHC planning area.

ESRD STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Maureen Gmitrowicz, Chair, Past DHC Chair

Dr. Don Curtis, DHC Member, HKPR

Roger Cook, DHC Member, HKPR

Deborah Simon, DHC Member, Durham Region

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CURRENT STATUS:

The Durham HKPR End Stage Renal Disease Review Steering Committee has been initiated. To date, the Steering Committee has confirmed the direction of the ESRD review, has reviewed preliminary data and has confirmed key planning assumptions.

Along with information received from local providers, the review is based on data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Canadian Organ Replacement Registry.

NEXT STEPS:

Next steps include:

- Population projections;
- Compilation of data requests to current service providers;
- Applying assumptions to the analysis;
- Developing preliminary options for siting services.

The District Health Council expresses sincere gratitude to members of the Steering Committee for offering their time and expertise to this project.

Further newsletters on this project will be circulated to facilitate information exchange and enable various stakeholders to remain abreast of developments.