Integrated Health Service Plan and Blueprint Project Update 1 - Background

The South West LHIN released its first Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) on October 31, 2006. It is a vision for the future of health care tailored to the unique environment and needs of our area.

The South West LHIN is now developing its next IHSP that will focus on our health system priorities for 2010-2013.

The first IHSP and several Priority Action Teams identified the need for a detailed current state assessment of the health care system in the South West LHIN in order to better plan for the future.

To accomplish this, the South West LHIN has launched a Health System Blueprint Project that will become a key part of the IHSP.

The objectives are three-fold:

1. Develop an inventory of health care programs and services in the South West LHIN taking into account:
    - What services are available
    - Where services are delivered
    - Utilization profiles
    - Service provider profiles
    - Identification of gaps and duplication
    - What services will be needed in the future
    - Future capacity considerations
2. Develop a Health Services Blueprint for the future configuration and inter-relationships of health services across the LHIN
3. Develop an implementation plan for the future application of the framework to high priority populations and/or clinical areas

We are well underway with this initiative, and have a lot of progress to report from the initial three months of this project.

Current State

In developing a comprehensive understanding of the current range of health care services provided within the South West LHIN, the Blueprint Project is collecting information from a number of different sources including:

- Consultations with stakeholders from all geographies and sectors
- Intellihealth database (provider reported data)
- Community Annual Planning Submissions
- Hospital Annual Planning Submissions
- Survey of LHIN funded services
- Other LHIN / Provider documentation (e.g. Priority Action Teams, Mental Health reports etc.)

Engagement

To enhance our understanding of the current state of service delivery across the LHIN, 45 stakeholder consultations were conducted with approximately 150 stakeholders over 5 weeks. Examples of the akeholders interviewed include:

- Area Provider Tables
- Health Professionals Advisory Committee
- Hospital Chiefs of Staff
- Primary Care – Family Health Teams, Community Health Centres
- Public Health
- Various networks – Southwestern Ontario Geriatric Assessment Network, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Youth Network, South West Mental Health & Addictions Coalition, End of Life Network
- Regional Providers – South West Regional Cancer Program, Community Care Access Centre, Compliance Advisors, LTC Homes, Neighbouring LHINs, Community Support Services, Rehabilitation, E-Health leadership, Municipal Programs
- Academic leadership – University of Western Ontario, Fanshawe College

Symposiums

Symposiums will be held on June 1st and 2nd in Owen Sound and June 8th and 9th in London. We will engage with stakeholders from across the various providers and geographies to develop models of care for the various programs and populations.

Symposium packages will be developed that provide a current state overview of:

- The population of the South West LHIN
- Program utilization
- A series of service delivery approaches and blueprint implications
- An external scan of other models of care
- Other relevant documentation from the LHIN, including PAT summaries

Communications

To date, the following activities have been completed:

- Blueprint introduction on website
- Letters sent to Board Chairs & CEOs

- Webcast on April 30th
- Additional Newsletters

Upcoming activities include:

- Symposiums
- Public Forums
- Phone Survey
- Web based feedback

Next Issue and Contact Information

Next Issue Will Highlight:

- Health System Trends
- Draft Priorities
- Symposium Highlights

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