

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

Introduction

This communiqué is the first in a series of communiqués that will be distributed to LHIN and Hospital CEOs, regarding discussions on the development of the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) for 2010-2012.

HSAA Development Structure

To guide the development of the 2010-12 HSAA and Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS), a Joint OHA-LHIN H-SAA Steering Committee has been established with a mandate to:

- Provide oversight for the consultation process;
- Provide direction and guidance to the working groups;
- Make recommendations regarding changes to the template documents and schedules;
- Provide oversight for the communication and education plan for Hospitals and LHINs; and,
- Provide oversight of the LHIN and hospital final approval process.

Members of the H-SAA Steering Committee are:

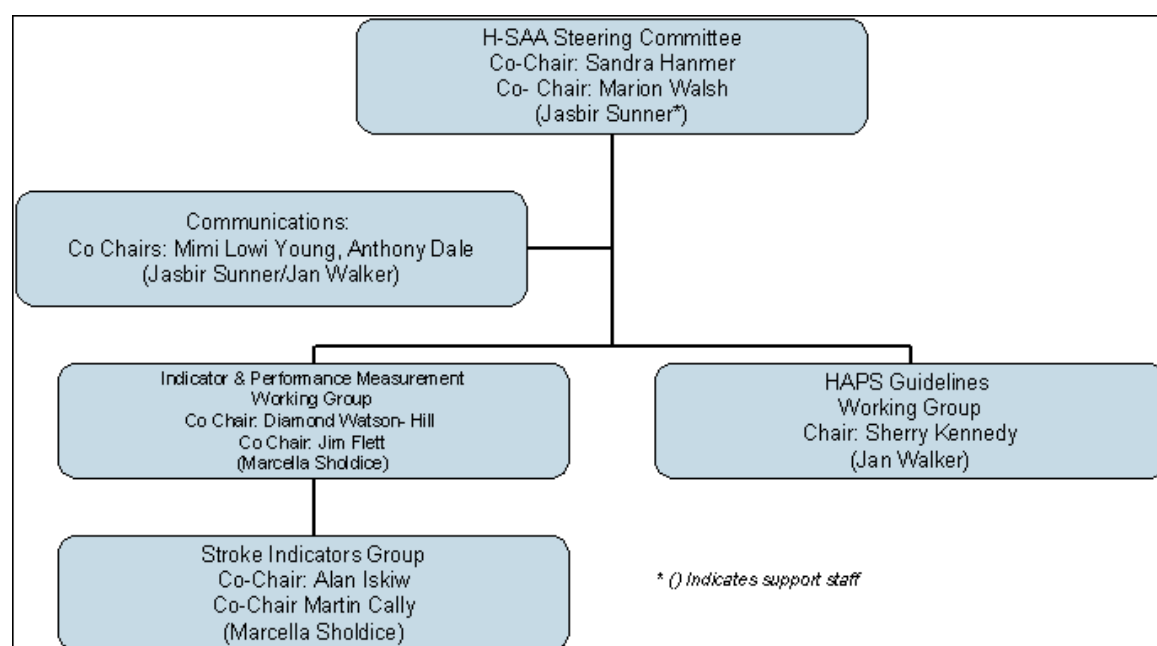
- Sandra Hanmer (Wellington Waterloo LHIN) Co-Chair
- Marian Walsh (Bridgepoint Health) Co-Chair
- Matt Anderson (Toronto Central LHIN)
- Megan Ashlee Bowes (Champlain LHIN)
- Mark Brintnell (South West LHIN)
- Rob Devitt (Toronto East General Hospital)
- Mark Hurst (North Bay General Hospital)
- Alan Iskiw (Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant LHIN) & Chair Stroke Indicators Group
- Sherry Kennedy, (South East LHIN) & Chair, HAPS Guidelines Working Group
- Bill MacLeod (Mississauga-Halton)
- Mark Rochon (Toronto Rehabilitation Institute)
- Mary Wilson Trider (Halton Healthcare Services)
- Michael Young (Sunnybrook HSC)

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The H-SAA Steering Committee is supported directly by various working groups as diagrammed below:



HAPS Guidelines Working Group

The Working Group will be developing guidelines for this annual planning submission process. It is expected that these will be in the field for review by the end of June so that hospitals can work to prepare their submissions over the summer for submission to the LHINs in October.

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Members are:

- Sherry Kennedy (South East LHIN), Chair
- Joe Sherman (South East LHIN)
- Brad Keeler (Erie St Clair LHIN)
- Scott Chambers (South West LHIN)
- Sue Turcotte (Mississauga-Halton LHIN)
- Adil Khalfan (Toronto-Central LHIN)

Indicators & Performance Measurement Working Group

This Working Group has been asked to expand the work from last year on the numerators and denominators of specific indicators. It will also identify what indicators should be monitored at a systems level.

Members are:

- Jim Flett (London HSC), Co-Chair
- Diamond Watson-Hill (Toronto Central LHIN), Co-Chair
- Chris Turner (St. Mary's General Hospital)
- Alison Welch (Sunnybrook HSC)
- Wendy Gerrie (Hamilton HSC)
- Rob Forbes (Providence Healthcare)
- Martha Auchinleck (North East LHIN)
- Judy Bowyer (Mississauga Halton LHIN)
- Pete Crvenkovski (Erie St Clair LHIN)
- Barry Lajeunesse (North East LHIN)
- Louise Grenier (Champlain LHIN)

Communications Working Group

The Communications Working Group has been tasked with developing and distributing common communiqués throughout the process. It will also assist with the development and delivery of education sessions as needed. Membership on this group includes Mimi Lowi Young (Central West LHIN) and Anthony Dale (OHA).

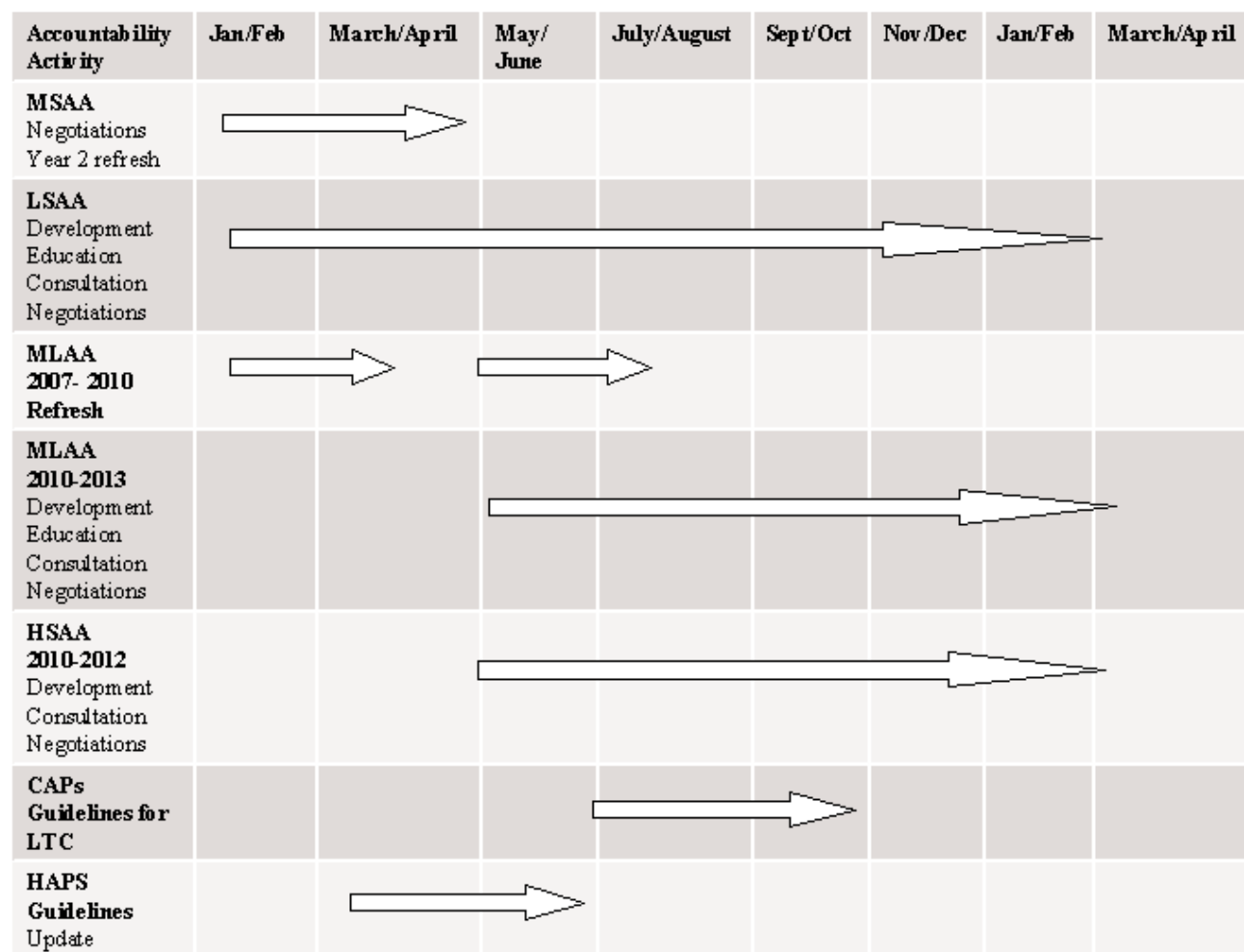
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Timelines

The following chart outlines the overall timeframes for the activities associated with this process. The aim of the group is to have this process completed by October/November thereby giving the hospitals and the LHINs approximately three months to finalize the agreements by March 2010.



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Initial Steering Group Meeting

The first meeting of the HSAA Steering Committee was held on May 19, 2009. Discussion focused on role/purpose of the Committee; the principles that will govern and guide the development and ongoing management of the H-SAA process; and the required goals and outcomes. The members also reviewed the H-SAA development structure; received updates from the Chairs of the sub-committees and discussed timelines for the process.

The Committee also endorsed the need to further develop and improve the accountability agreement and the process of employing that agreement, in recognition of the fact that H-SAA is now a more mature agreement and recognized the importance of building on the 2008-2010 H-SAA process as well as other work already completed jointly by the LHINs and hospitals, such as the KPMG Review and Leading Practices Report.

Next Steps

The Committee has decided that the scope and extent of the work requires it to meet every two weeks for the foreseeable future and has scheduled the next meeting for June 3, 2009. Further updates on the progress of the Committee's work will be provided in upcoming communiqués.

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