

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

Introduction

This is the third communiqué regarding the discussions of the H-SAA Steering Committee on the development of the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) for 2010-2012.

Ministry Update and Status of Planning Allocations

Ken Deane, ADM, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) met with the H-SAA Steering Committee on June 15th to provide an update on the Ministry's expectations for performance management for 2010-2012. An open, candid and very productive discussion took place. Ken identified that a longer term objective of the Ministry is to redesign the Ministry/LHIN Accountability Agreement so that the process is more streamlined, and the agreement is simplified and focused on outcomes. As this work will take some time to complete, it will not directly impact Hospital /LHIN discussions respecting the H-SAA template to be used for the 2010 -2012 period.

During discussions, all participants agreed that it is essential for the Ministry to provide hospital specific funding and planning information to the LHINs and hospitals as soon as possible in order to ensure that the timelines and milestones for the 2010-12 HAPS/H-SAA negotiations are met. It was agreed that the Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee would detail this request in writing to the Ministry at the earliest opportunity to reinforce its vital importance.

HAPS & Indicator Working Group Updates

As previously communicated, the LHINs have decided to redesign the Hospital Annual Planning Submission document in order to update it so that it better reflects today's health system environment. The OHA is working with the LHINs respecting this initiative and a first complete draft of the revised HAPS will be reviewed by the Steering Committee on June 26th, with a view to field testing it in July. The Steering Committee is very well aware that the HAPS document is needed by LHINs and hospitals at the earliest opportunity and will provide an update on the status of this initiative in the next several weeks.

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H-SAA & M-SAA Integration

The H-SAA Steering Committee has agreed to create a small working group to consider whether or not it is possible to integrate the two template agreements for hospitals. Mark Hurst, CEO, North Bay will be one of the co-chairs of this group with a LHIN representative to be announced. The group will present its findings in four weeks time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the group will take place on June 29th, and further updates on the progress of the Committee's work will be provided in upcoming communiqués.

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