

Caring Communities – Healthier People: Making a Difference

Health Check-In

March 2009

LHIN and Wynne Host MPP Breakfast

Ken Morrison, Chairman of the Board for Central LHIN, and Minister of Education and Member of Provincial Parliament for Don Valley East, Kathleen Wynne co-chaired a recent breakfast of Central LHIN MPPs. Agenda items included an update on Aging at Home, budget planning and hospital funding.

It's about INTERGRATION

Central LHIN accepted a voluntary integration request from Markham Stouffville Hospital, Southlake Regional Health Centre, and York Central Hospital to participate in the Central Ontario Healthcare Procurement Alliance. It is anticipated that by April, hospitals will be able to use a new IT system that will serve as the technological backbone to buying medical supplies in the most streamlined and cost-effective manner.

It's still about INTEGRATION

The feasibility study for back-office integration is on schedule for both the Community Support Services Sector and the Mental Health and Addictions Sector. Surveys and focus groups were conducted in January for the project. The Steering Committee, with representation from Bethany Lodge, Alliance Hospice, York Support Services and Central LHIN staff, have been overseeing the development of the draft project report.

Inter-LHIN Physician eHealth Initiative

The Central LHIN and the Toronto Central LHIN have launched a joint proposal for the expansion of an existing technology known as "Patient Results Online" (PRO) to five Family Health Team and/or Community Health Centre sites across both LHINs. The initiative will help link physicians with the broader eHealth strategy for both LHINs.

Chronic Kidney Disease Program finds permanent home at York Central Hospital

The Chronic Kidney Disease Program has found a permanent home at York Central Hospital and is providing a welcoming environment for patients who are frequently returning to the hospital for continuous treatment. The move to a new location provides patients and their family members with a bright and spacious setting as well as private spaces for patients to receive education, on-going support and dialysis treatment.

ALC and Rehabilitation Capacity Assessment

As part of our emerging Alternate Level of Care strategy, the Central Community Care Access Centre, with LHIN support, is conducting a project to assess the needs of alternate level of care patients waiting for discharge to rehab and complex continuing care, and the system's capacity to serve these patients. The purpose of the project is to better understand the circumstances, services and access requirements of our ALC patients requiring rehabilitation and to provide support to future integration and investment considerations.

Central LHIN Longitudinal Evaluation - Outcome Map

Just over one year ago, the LHIN and the Faculty of Health at York University, embarked on the journey to develop an outcome map as the first step towards being able to undertake an evaluation of the progress made towards the vision reflected in our Integrated Health Service Plan. The first step was to establish a foundation for evaluation and this was done through an "outcome mapping" process. The resulting map serves as a guide and assesses the success of our Plan. On March 5th, a workshop was held to update key stakeholders.

Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreements Review

The 2007-2010 Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement includes a requirement for the Ministry and LHINs to review selected Schedules each year, and update as necessary, within 120 days of the provincial budget announcement. The LHIN and the Ministry have begun a process for the final refresh and the proposed amendments will be brought forward for LHIN Board approval in June.

Join us at our next Board meeting

Tuesday March 24, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at [Reena](#) 927 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill.

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