

North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Leadership Council Update

November 30, 2009—Update #2

HINI

Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for Simcoe Muskoka, kicked off the second meeting of the LHIN Leadership Council by providing an update on the status of HINI in Simcoe Muskoka. Dr. Gardner will be bringing together a focus group in the new year, to review lessons learned from HINI planning and rollout, with a look to enhancing Simcoe Muskoka's current plan.

ER/ALC STRATEGIC PLAN

The NSM LHIN's 3 year ER/ALC Strategic Plan was endorsed by the Council. The Plan's three overarching goals are:

- Reduce ER demand
- Build capacity and improve performance in ERs
- Improve bed utilization – allocate patients to the appropriate level of care for their condition

Next steps will be to develop action and implementation plans for the next 3 years.

INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM DESIGN RFS

The Request for Service (RFS) for the NSM LHIN's Integrated Health System Design (IHSD) was sent to vendors on Nov. 20th. The deadline for submission of proposals is Dec. 11th. A working group, comprised of Council members and staff, will review, analyze and make final recommendations to the NSM LHIN Board for their decision by the end of December. Members of the working group are as follows:

Voting Members

- NSM LHIN - Bernie Blais
- MHCP - Carol Lambie
- RVH - Janice Skot
- BISS - Ingrid Lehmann
- SOS - Greg Howse
- BCFHT - Val Smith
- IOOF - Doreen Saunders

Resource Members

- NSM LHIN - Susan Plewes
- NSM LHIN - Jill Tettmann
- NSM LHIN - Tim Berry
- NSM CCAC - Debbie Roberts

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Council received a request from the Forum of Chief Nursing Executives and Senior Clinical Practice Executives to have a member of this group participate on the Leadership Council. The Council considered the request and fully endorsed the appointment of the group's Chair, Cheryl Harrison.

Cheryl is the Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Executive at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

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INTEGRATED CARDIOVASCULAR STEERING COMMITTEE

Dr. Eric Goode, Chair, NSM Cardiovascular Integrated Steering Committee (ICSC), presented results of the research conducted during the first five months of work. Dr. Goode identified that the role of the Committee is to look at the full continuum of care and identify how we can address opportunities for service delivery. Dr. John MacFadyen, an ICSC member, sits on two regional groups developing an Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) quality assurance program and a Regional Heart Failure program. The work done by these two regional groups will be incorporated in the ICSC work. Through another member Cheryl Moher, Regional Program Manager, Central East Stroke Network, the ICSC will connect with stroke and vascular care planning for the region. The ICSC will continue to work in collaboration with the Southlake Regional Health Centre, York Simcoe Muskoka Dufferin Cardiac System Planning Team as the NSM Integrated Health System Design (IHSD) is developed. The ICSC will act as an advisory group to the IHSD project.

CRITICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Dr. Giulio DiDiodato, NSM LHIN Critical Care Lead reported on two areas of work currently underway. Hospitals across 14 LHINs have been developing a province-wide plan for minor and moderate surge capacity in all medical and surgical intensive care units (ICU). The provincial plan is to be completed by March 31, 2010. Throughout this process, the current HINI ICU experience and review of data collected from the provincial Critical

Care Information System (CCIS), capacity, repatriation and quality of care issues have been identified. With the addition of ICU medical specialists in the LHIN, opportunities exist to develop a regional critical care program for NSM. Dr. DiDiodato will be bringing forward a plan to the Council in January for such a program.

REGIONAL FALLS PROGRAM

Elisabeth Riley, CEO, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital reviewed the falls program. All NSM hospitals have signed the Memorandum of Understanding and Accountability Agreements which detail how organizations will work together. The implementation of the program is now moving forward.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Council is set for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the NSM LHIN office.

The Council's page on the LHIN's website at www.nsmhlin.on.ca has been updated with information from the November 25th meeting, along with the final Terms of Reference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca.

