

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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TECHNOLOGY ENABLING INTEGRATION ...

Presentation by KPMG

The **ICT/eHealth team** presented its revised **Terms of Reference for an eHealth Council** that will report to the NSM LHIN Leadership Council and provide advice and expertise on recommended policies and investments in information technology as established under the ICT/eHealth Strategy currently under development. The Leadership Council supported the draft and a work plan will be submitted by the eHealth Council to Leadership Council for its review and support.

The **Current State Assessment** was presented and the findings confirmed by the Leadership Council. No real surprises for the group emerged. A key finding is that there has been very little investment in new technology across the LHIN and that technology has a significant role to play in integration success. "It is important that technology makes it easier for people to communicate across organizations and across the system," noted one member of the council. The Current State Assessment data was accepted as presented.

The **ICT/eHealth Strategy Vision** was also presented as finalized reflecting the input of Leadership council at an earlier presentation.

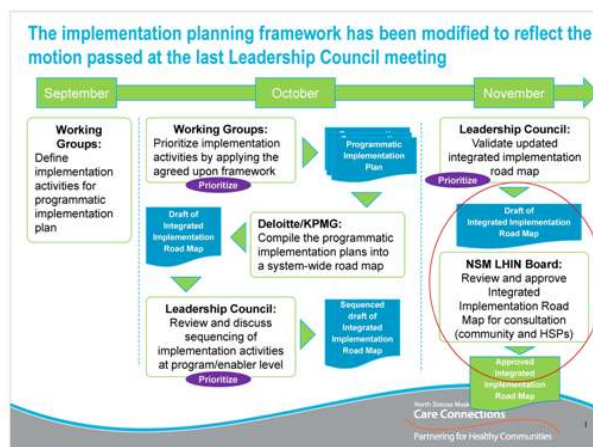
A health system for North Simcoe Muskoka enabled by seamless, real-time and authorized access for people and providers to integrated, secure, health information. A system where people are enabled to participate in the management of their own health utilizing technologies that are integrated with the broader health system; where health care

providers have access to a comprehensive electronic health record where health information follows the person, and clinical decision-making results in optimal health outcomes through all stages of life.

CARE CONNECTIONS

The proposed direction of the **Care Connections – Partnering for Healthy Communities** project for the next three months was reviewed and discussed. The nine working groups that began at the May Symposium are continuing to work through options for possible future models of care.

A process for the finalization of a draft implementation plan was agreed upon by the Council which is detailed in the following diagram. A larger version of the diagram is available on the NSM LHIN website. Consultation with all our stakeholders will play a large role in the implementation of the proposed health system design.



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STANDARDIZED WOUND CARE COMES TO NORTH SIMCOE MUSKOKA!

The Council was introduced to Joanne van Rennes, Wound Care Strategy Project Manager, who provided the Council with an insight as to the status of the project. The North Simcoe Muskoka Wound Care Best Practice Management project is looking to provide an efficient, cost-effective and sustainable integrated approach to wound care that will achieve excellence in patient outcomes, as well as consider the best use of available resources.

Understanding the types of wounds, who is affected and how to manage them are essential components of the project. Key indicators have been tracked that demonstrate achievement of improved patient, system and economic outcomes.

To continue making a difference in North Simcoe Muskoka, health service providers are being asked to commit to the following:

- Ensure wound care is front and centre on organizations' quality care agendas,
- Ensure key decision makers are supporting the project and its outcomes,
- Ensure ongoing commitment by subject matter experts within each organization, and
- Ensure consideration is given for the development or sharing of subject matter experts or champions across the health system.

Wound care continues to be a challenging and expensive enterprise both in Ontario and across the country.

For further information on the Wound Care Best Practice Management project, please visit the NSM LHIN website and go to Current Initiatives / Wound Care Strategy.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Council is set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the NSM LHIN office beginning at 5pm.

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