

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Get immunized. Wash your hands. And if you're sick, please stay home!

October 13, 2010 – Update #9

INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION CHALLENGE 2010-2011

Presentation by Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit and Dr. Peter Tanuseputro, Community Medicine Resident

“Helping patients, residents and staff stay well during influenza season is the key to a robust immunization program”, says Dr. Charles Gardner. Despite this, over the past three years, influenza immunization in the North Simcoe Muskoka acute and long-term care sectors has decreased. Drs. Gardner and Tanuseputro presented Council with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit’s pilot project to address this.

The “Influenza Immunization Challenge” would see staff and patient immunization rates collected in January 2011. Once all the data is compiled, those organizations that increased their influenza immunization rates from the previous year, or met the target for their organization, would be publicly recognized by the North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network and local media with a day of celebration and presentation of certificates.

The 2010-2011 Challenge will target acute care facilities followed by roll out to all health service organizations and facilities / long-term care homes in the following year.

The Council fully supported the direction proposed by Drs. Gardner and Tanuseputro but asked that exploration be given to the expansion of the year one pilot to include all sectors of care, not just acute care.

CARE CONNECTIONS

Council had a very in-depth discussion on three key components of the **Care Connections – Partnering for Healthy Communities** project.

System navigation, funding and operational oversight processes have been discussed at all working group sessions. Each working group identified areas where change is required in order to provide a system of care that puts the person first. These identified areas were compiled into draft documents and reviewed by Council.

Broader input into the three documents will continue over the next couple of weeks. The Leadership Council will be reviewing these further at their November 4th working day.

A critical path for timing of initiatives and implementation stages of the project was reviewed by Council. The critical path document can be viewed on the LHIN’s website.

NEXT STEPS

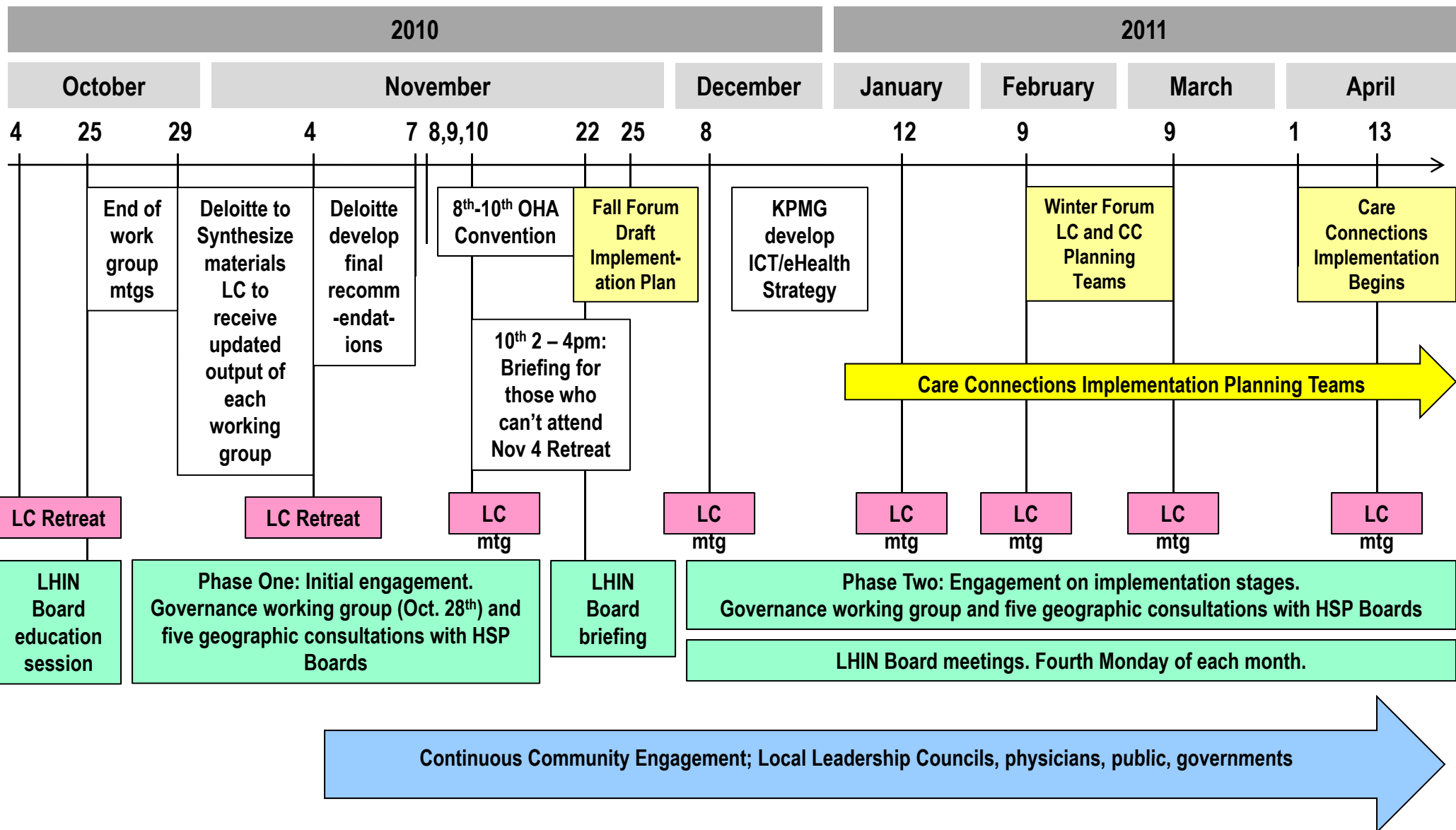
The next meetings of the Council are as follows:

Working Day – Thursday, November 4th

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 10th

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

Care Connections Critical Path: October 4, 2010 to April 25, 2011



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