

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A New Year of Meetings Begins with Three New Faces!

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COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Council welcomed three new members to their initial meeting.

1. **Natalie Bubela**, CEO, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) replaces Barry Monaghan, who up until Ms. Bubela's arrival was the Interim CEO, MAHC.
2. **Marie LaRose**, ED, Georgian Bay FHT replaces Val Smith who is now with Royal Victoria Hospital and no longer with the Barrie and Community FHT.
3. **Peter Hominuk**, ED, La Clé d'la Baie en Huronie replaces Josée Lefebvre, Regional Manager, Collège Boréal as the francophone representative on the Council.

CARE CONNECTIONS

The discussion at this meeting was centred on the 12 key areas of focus identified for implementation in the first three years of the ten year plan.

How the future health system organizes and structures itself will be important to not only know how providers transition to new care models, but also how operations are managed. The Council discussed operational oversight in detail, and began talks as to which organizations might like to lead each of the 12 areas of focus. Work will continue with further discussion coming in March.

Community Engagement Schedule – The January 2011 edition of *“Connecting for Care”* newsletter has a listing of engagement sessions taking place in the month of February. To access the newsletter please click on the following link: [Connecting for Care January Newsletter](#).

WOUND CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The NSM LHIN health care organizations have committed time and resources over the past year, to developing evidence-informed wound management guidelines, and enhancing their present wound care practices.

The Community Care Access Centre has used available data on wound management practices to reduce the number of unnecessary dressing changes by almost 20%. This reduction, and improvement in care, contributed to the reallocation of over \$300,000 to ALC challenges, and more importantly, better wound care for the clients.

A number of long-term care homes are reporting they are using the NSM LHIN wound management guidelines to update and inform their own policies and procedures. Acute care facilities are recognizing the importance of wound subject matter experts to sustain best-practice care, and are reorganizing or investing for the provision of this role.

The Council agreed to move forward with the following motion:

The NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the collection of data on the proposed wound management metrics for acute care, long-term care and community care, for the purposes of informing continuous improvement plans, and public reporting by sector.

If you're interested in learning more, please visit the NSM LHIN website by click on the following link: [Wound Care Strategy](#).

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REGIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Giulio DiDiodato, Critical Care Lead, Medical Director, North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network (RICN) and Colleen Nisbet, NSM ICN presented findings on why this type of program would be beneficial .

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASP) have been consistently recommended as best practice for Infection Prevention and Control by Ontario's Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC), along with other prominent national and international expert committees.

ASPs in hospitals are essential for improving patient care, reducing hospital costs, and slowing the spread of antimicrobial resistance organism (ARO) transmission among hospitalized patients.

A Regional Antimicrobial Utilization Review (RAUR) was conducted in all NSM hospitals and resulting recommendations outline key directions for addressing ARO transmission in our acute care facilities.

The Council agreed to move forward with the following motion:

The NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports, in principle, the recommendations contained in the Regional Infection Control Network (RICN) Regional Antimicrobial Utilization Report (RAUR)

A copy of the report (RAUR) can be accessed through the NSM ICN website at [NSMICN Home](#)

Further work needs to be completed and this information will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

NEXT STEPS

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, March 9, 2011

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at

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