

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Implementation Planning Takes a Big Step!

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COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

There have been some additional changes in the membership of the NSM LHIN-Wide Leadership Council. Carrie Harrison, Peter Zober and Greg Howse have resigned from the Council due to other commitments. Replacing Greg Howse is Nancy Roxborough, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe County Branch. Replacements for Carrie and Peter will be appointed shortly.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

The NSM LHIN Local Leadership Councils (LLC) Vice-Chairs attended the meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the five Councils. In attendance were the following:

- Bill Colvin, Barrie and Area LLC
- Albert Henriques, Collingwood and Area LLC
- Walter Ens, Midland/Penetanguishene and Area LLC
- Harold Featherston, Muskoka LLC

Kari Simpson-Adams, Vice-Chair for the Orillia and Area LLC was unable to attend.

The Vice-Chairs noted there seems to be a communication lag between the local Councils and the LHIN-wide Council.

The Leadership Council agreed the local Councils play a significant role - planning can be done regionally, but success will be seen locally.

Some of the suggestions made at the meeting were the inclusion of one of the Vice-Chairs on the membership

of the LHIN-Wide Leadership Council, who would report back to the other Vice-Chairs at their regular meetings; vacancies on the Leadership Council could be populated from the membership of local Councils; quarterly verbal and monthly written reports from the local Councils could be provided to the LHIN-wide Council; and minutes could be shared amongst the Councils.

When the Leadership Council holds their next strategic planning day, the five Vice-Chairs will be invited to attend to ensure a better understanding of the status of initiatives and proposed directions.

LHIN-WIDE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL EVALUATION

In the fall of 2010, members of the Council were invited to provide an evaluation of the workings of the Council and make suggestions on how to improve activities and processes.

Council agreed that meetings needed to start earlier, as often they carry on well in to the evening. Beginning April 11, 2011, meetings will take place from 4:00 – 7:00.

At the Council's next strategic planning day, the suggestion was made to develop a Council work plan that would complement the implementation of the Care Connections areas of focus.

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CARE CONNECTIONS

A year of development of an integrated health system design for NSM is now complete and on February 28th the LHIN Board of Directors approved directions for the first three years of the 10-year plan titled **Care Connections – Partnering for Healthy Communities**.

The Leadership Council, acting as the Steering Committee for the project, identified areas of focus for implementation. At the Council meeting on March 9th, next steps for implementing several focus areas were discussed. A lead agency and supporting organizations were identified for each area of focus. The following summarizes that discussion:

1. **LHIN-Wide Surgical Program**– There is currently one project identified within this area – Bone and Joint Care - which is being lead by Collingwood General and Marine Hospital.
2. **LHIN-Wide Mental Health and Addictions Council** – There are three main projects identified within this area and they are: Redistribution of Schedule 1 Beds and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Capacity (both of these projects are being lead by Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene); and Community Crisis Management being led by Canadian Mental Health Association – Simcoe County Branch. For the first two years MHCP will lead the Council and followed by CMHA-SCB who will assume the lead at that time.
3. **LHIN-Wide Complex and Chronic Needs Council** – There are three main projects identified within this area which include: Complex Continuing Care being lead by Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; Chronic Disease Prevention and Management, including Diabetes being lead by Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital; and Behavioural Supports System which at the present time does not have a lead organization. Georgian Bay General Hospital will assume the lead for this Council.
4. **In-Home and Community Capacity Council** – There are two projects identified within this focus area which include: Emergency Department / Alternate Level of Care Strategy currently being lead by Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital; and Home First being lead by the North Simcoe Muskoka Community Care

Access Centre. OSMH will assume the lead for this Council.

At next month's meeting, implementation planning for the remaining areas of focus will be discussed.

As well, LHIN Board Chair Ruben Rosen will be providing an update on activities to date of the Governance Working Group.

NEXT STEPS

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

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