

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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CARE CONNECTIONS Surgical Program

The **Care Connections** report included roles and responsibilities of an Oversight Structure that would assume the lead role for each 'areas of focus'. A Lead Organization for the Surgical Program had not been identified. More than one organization volunteered to lead this program and as a result, selection criteria were developed and a Selection Group was formed to review submissions and decide on a Lead.

Selection criteria included:

1. Health service provider Board of Directors must support system thinking, demonstrate openness to system development and be willing to take risk.
2. Organizational capacity would include adequate human resources to support the project, clinical and other expertise, and the ability to provide quality and other monitoring.
3. Organizational fit meant the projects aligned with an organization's strategic plan/direction and/or business, there was interest and passion for the area of focus, demonstrated readiness and the projects needed to be seen as 'making sense' for the organization.

On July 13th the CEOs of all acute care organizations with surgical departments came together to engage in the Lead Organization selection process.

The Council agreed to move forward with the following motion:

That the NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the recommendation made by the Selection Group that Collingwood General and Marine Hospital assume the Lead Organization role for the LHIN-wide Surgical Program identified as an 'area of focus' for the first three years of the 10-year **Care Connections plan.**

Maternal Child Community of Practice Program

At the June 20th Spring Forum, two LHIN pediatricians led a discussion group on roles, responsibilities and membership of a more formal Maternal Child Community of Practice Program as defined by the provincial mandate. The core functions of the LHIN-based model envisioned by the province include:

1. Promoting evidence-based/best practices, thereby standardizing the level of care within the region and across regional boundaries
2. Facilitating implementation of regional and provincial initiatives (LHIN/ Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health (PCMCH) /Better Outcomes Registry and Network (BORN) Ontario)
3. Providing advice to LHIN/ PCMCH regarding maternal-newborn/child and youth issues.

On July 13th CEOs of five organizations with existing Maternal and Child Programs met to discuss the Lead Organization selection process for this 'area of focus'. Selection criteria mirrored that used for the Surgical Services Program.

The Council agreed to move forward with the following motion:

That the NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the recommendation made by the Selection Group that Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital assume the Lead Organization role for the LHIN-wide Maternal Child Community of Practice Program as an 'area of focus' for the first three years of the 10-year **Care Connections plan.**

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Shared Services

At the June 8th Leadership Council meeting, the need for appropriate resources to support the work of the implementation planning committees for the 'areas of focus' was identified as a critical key to success, given the magnitude of work to be achieved over the next three years. Identified shared services are communications/community engagement, project management and decision support.

Over the next seven months Lead Organizations will have an opportunity to assess and plan for shared services to support future years, and determine an ongoing plan and financing for shared services beyond year 1.

That the NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the proposed use of priority funds in 2011/12 to develop 'system transformation' or shared services supporting all LHIN-funded organizations in implementation of the first of the ten year *Care Connections* plan. The funds would be allocated by the LHIN CEO."

and

That during the first year, the NSM LHIN Leadership Council will develop options for sustaining a shared 'system transformation' or

shared service for the remaining nine years of the *Care Connections* plan.

Communications Council

In November 2010, the Leadership Council supported the decision to form a Communications Council which would oversee uniform communications throughout North Simcoe Muskoka related to implementation of the *Care Connections* plan. Terms of reference for the Communications Council were presented to the Leadership Council and the following motion was supported:

That the NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the draft Terms of Reference for the *Care Connections* Communications Council and,

That the NSM LHIN Communications Coordinator assume the role of Chair and that a Vice-Chair be elected by the members of the Council

NEXT STEPS

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca.

