

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Council Recognizes Second Anniversary!

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HOME FOR LIFE

- Enabling Seniors to Stay at Home Longer!



Alice Grottoli, Communications Coordinator, Community Connection / 211 Central East Ontario and Chair, South Georgian Bay CHC; **Wayne Yuristy**, Volunteer Coordinator/ Home Visitation Lead, Home for Life; and **Linda Davis**, CEO, Collingwood General & Marine Hospital presented information on the Home for Life program that is helping seniors in the Collingwood area access services that help them stay at home longer. The program is comprised of three components:

- **Home Visits** to support system navigation – information provided to seniors
- **Technology for Seniors** to reduce isolation – e.g. computer training, Skype
- **Home Fitness** – supporting the VON's SMART program (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)

Seniors can access the program through Community Connections / 211. If you'd like to learn more about the Home for Life program, please call 211.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Bernie Blais, Council Chair and LHIN CEO thanked the following members who fulfilled their two year commitment to Council and are stepping down:

- **Nena LaCaille** – Executive Director, Enaahitig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre
- **Ingrid Lehmann** - Executive Director, Brain Injury Services of Simcoe Muskoka
- **Doreen Saunders** – CEO, IOOF Seniors Home Inc.
- **Bill Davies** – Executive Director, Muskoka Parry Sound Community Mental Health Service

Bernie thanked Nena, Ingrid, Doreen and Bill for their commitment to the Council over the past two years and their role in the development of an integrated health system design. New Council members will be sought from the long-term care, community support services, Aboriginal and mental health and addiction health service providers.

Additional Council changes include the departure of **Marie LaRose**, Executive Director, Georgian Bay Family Health Team due to personal commitments and the addition of **Dr. Anne Engell**, as Chair of the NSM Chiefs of Medical Staff. Dr. Engell replaces **Dr. David Mathies** who recently ended a remarkable 17 years as the Chief of Staff for Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.

Carol Lambie, CEO, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care was recognized with a bouquet of flowers for her steadfast commitment to the Council and perfect two-year attendance record!

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CARE CONNECTIONS

Council Updates

Four Coordinating Councils presented status reports to Council:

- Mental Health and Addictions
- Complex and Chronic Health Needs
- ICT / eHealth
- Transportation

Carol Lambie, Chair, Mental Health and Addictions Council described the proposed voluntary integration between Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) which will see 31 acute adult mental health beds transferred from Waypoint to GBGH (20) and RVH (11). Council was informed the Boards of all three organizations have endorsed the proposed bed moves, which is a recommendation from the system design work completed by the **Care Connections** Mental Health and Addictions Working Group.

The Council agreed to move forward with the following motion:

That the NSM LHIN Leadership Council endorses the voluntary integration for the redistribution of Thirty-One (31) Schedule 1 Adult Acute Mental Health Beds from Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care (Penetanguishene) to Georgian Bay General Hospital (Midland - 20 beds), and Royal Victoria Hospital (Barrie - 11 beds).

Elisabeth Riley and Natalie Bubela provided a verbal report on the activities, responsibilities and

developments of the Complex and Chronic Health Needs Coordinating Council. Natalie noted the Complex Continuing Care bed registry is up and running, and expressed thanks to the implementation team, specifically the Waypoint team, for the work done in developing and testing the registry.

Rod Burns spoke about the current status of the seventeen (18) ICT / eHealth initiatives and Merideth Morrison detailed the early stages of what's happening with the Transportation Council.

LHIN PRIMARY CARE LEAD

Leadership Council was provided information on the funding being made available by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support the provincial Primary Care Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Lead program, developed in partnership with the Ontario Medical Association. The program is based on the recognition that primary care is an essential component of health care delivery and important to achieving the strategic directions at the provincial and LHIN level. The procurement process for the selection of LHIN Primary Care Leads was explained, noting the deadline for candidate submissions has been extended to November 11, 2011.

NEXT STEPS

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca.