

NSM LHIN Leadership Council

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Influenza and Health Care Worker Influenza Immunization

- **Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**
- **Dr. Lisa Simon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

Dr. Simon provided Leadership Council with an overview of the 2013/13 influenza season including statistics on immunization of health care workers (HCWs), recommendations and challenges. The influenza immunization is proven to be the best preventative measure available and has a substantial effect.

The NSM Leadership Council supports proceeding with the annual Influenza Immunization Challenge and its extension into acute care across our system for the 2013-14 season. While statistics were good for HCWs being vaccinated in 2012-13, participating organizations are being asked to identify and report on base line numbers, a target for success and be committed to growing this successful program.

Annual Care Connections Forum 2013 – Transitions of Care

- **Susan Plewes, Director, Health System Transformation – NSM LHIN**

Leadership Council members discussed the value of this annual event – making new connections, interactive discussion, integrating Governors into the work of Care Connections and highlighting the great work being done across the 12 Councils, Steering Committees and Working Groups of Care Connections.

Excellent suggestions for next year include increasing the number and variety of Kiosks and encouraging more front line staff and public to attend and tour, make connections and get informed about innovative work happening across our region.

Increased interactivity was also recommended, more audience participation as we have a room full of experts, and need to tap into their knowledge and experience.

Funding Allocation Strategic Discussions

- **Andy Gallardi, Director, Financial Health & Accountability – NSM LHIN**

Mr. Gallardi spoke to the 2013-14 strategic investment planning process which was detailed in the briefing note shared with Leadership Council.

An overview of key investments for 2012-13 was presented, followed by discussion around current pressures, activities and recommendations.

Discussions will continue at the July 10th meeting of the NSM LHIN Leadership Council.

Physiotherapy Reform

- **Maureen Wilkinson, Senior Manager, Primary Care – NSM LHIN**

Together, the Ministry and NSM LHIN are working closely with our Health Service Providers to effectively implement the changes to physiotherapy by the August 1st deadline.

There are five specific streams being reviewed and affected by the changes:

1. In-Home Physiotherapy
2. Long-Term Care Home Physiotherapy
3. Community Exercise Classes and Falls Prevention
4. Clinic-Based Physiotherapy
5. Family Health Care Settings

Ms. Wilkinson, who sits on the provincial steering committee for this initiative, provided members of Leadership Council with information on current volumes, expected impacts, new and expanded provision of services.

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Care Connections In-Home and Community Capacity Council Report

- **Elisabeth Riley, President & CEO, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital**

The focus of the Council's report was providing Leadership Council with an understanding of the rationale for and approach to undertaking a local, community focused high-user analysis.

Capacity Review Update

- **Susan Plewes, Director, Health System Transformation – NSM LHIN**

Deloitte has concluded gathering data and will release a summary report by end of June, 2013, which will be shared with Leadership Council shortly thereafter.

Next steps include knowledge training for staff/personnel that will outline the capabilities of the HIVE (Highly Interactive Virtual Environment) tool.

High User Study & Long-Term Care Study

- **Debbie Roberts, Senior Director, Performance Management & Accountability - NSM CCAC**

A report was distributed to members of Leadership Council detailing the work being undertaken by the In Home and Community Capacity Council in these two areas.

The High User Study will be linked with Health Links as their work proceeds. There is lots of enthusiasm and support from the Community Sector.

Project work for both is underway and final reports will be brought to Leadership Council in September.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, July 10, 2013 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Stephen Leacock Museum, Orillia

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