

NSM LHIN Leadership Council

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2013-2014 NSM LHIN Strategic Priorities

Jill Tettmann, Chair, reviewed the LHIN's past two fiscal years' priorities and associated funding. Some key initiatives that were funded were the:

- Conversion of 12 beds at Leisureworld Muskoka to convalescent care beds, the purpose of which is to help ensure patients needing activation and rehabilitative care for a specific timeframe receive the right care in the right place.
- Seniors Assessment and Support Outreach Team (SASOT) based in Bracebridge which helps vulnerable seniors in South Muskoka. For the first three quarters of 2012-13 the hospital saw a decrease in ED visits by 3.55%, a decrease in patient admissions by 4.5% and inpatient days decreased by 229 days.
- Behavioural Support System mobile support teams to assist community and long-term care homes work with individuals that are experiencing responsive behaviours
- Independent Living Services of Simcoe County helping individuals access assisted living services. To date, 27 clients have benefited with plans to aid an additional eight.

These were just a few of the significant programs or initiatives that made an impact during the past two fiscal years and continue to make impacts today.

In preparation for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 NSM LHIN strategic priorities discussion, Leadership Council were presented with ministry and pan-LHIN identified 2013-2014 priorities. Council members had an opportunity to discuss how these priorities align with the goals of the **Care Connections** coordinating councils and their respective steering committees. Potential barriers to achieving the goals were also discussed.

Further work will continue at the September Leadership Council meeting.

Physiotherapy Update

All five streams are moving forward in preparation for the August 1, 2013 implementation date. The NSM CCAC will be completing full reassessments of long-term care home residents, clients and others currently receiving physiotherapy to determine which of the five streams they should be accessing. For further information on physiotherapy, please visit the NSM LHIN website.

System Coordinators

The **Care Connections** Operations Committee agreed that the system coordinators have brought value to those councils or steering committees they have been working with. While the 2012-2013 coordinator funding model worked at the time, a new way of funding coordinators will need to be explored. Operations Committee has established a working group to look at potential options for funding sustainability of the **Care Connections** system coordinators. This item will be brought back to the Leadership Council in the fall.

Transportation

The Leadership Council recommended that the NSM LHIN support the contribution of \$5,000 for use towards a transportation feasibility study involving the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene, the County of Simcoe and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. The study will assess how best to enhance access to public transportation in North Simcoe to enable access to health and social services. In addition, study results will inform the LHIN-wide Transportation Plan underway through **Care Connections**.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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