

## Steering Committee Meeting

April 8, 2010

**Attendance:** Anne Wolnik, Comcare Health Services; Shawn Virtue, RVH; Jennifer Berry, St. Elizabeth Health Care; Taro Shako, Bayshore Home Health; Tina O'Neill, Georgian Bay General Hospital; Patricia Connick, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; Lisa Garrett, County of Simcoe; Heather Klein-Gebbinck, Barrie Community Family Health Team; Tracy Muchmaker, Roberta Place; Joanne vanRennes, Project Manager of LHIN Wound Strategy.

**Regrets:** Catherine Tumber, North Simcoe Family Health Team; Sonya May, OSMH; Barb Gotuaco, CGMH; Marilee Koenderink, NSMCCAC; Dr. Michael Lisi, CGMH.

### 1. Welcome

Introductions were made around the table as there were a few new faces present that were unable to attend at the first meeting. Again the group was encouraged to raise names of any colleagues that may have an interest in joining the steering committee. Tina mentioned that there was a new physician at her organization who had expressed interest.

Action:

Tina to follow up regarding the physician's contact information so that Joanne can send further material regarding the project.

### 2. Update on the project to date

Joanne updated the group on the project activities to date. Presently there are 13 LTCF confirmed to participate in the prevalence data collection exercise. Joanne continues to meet with facilities to discuss how the exercise that occur within their organization. All 4 hospitals in the NSM LHIN are engaged in the prevalence exercise, and will have their data collection as a whole, completed by the end of April.

Joanne shared that she has met with all the working groups in the 5 planning areas now, and has had positive response. Working groups consist of LTC, Acute care and Family Health Teams/Community partners from those designated regions. Their discussions have been collegial and exciting; generating lots of great opportunities for further partnering to improve outcomes for their mutual patients, within their communities.

The project remains on-track with current timelines, and expects reports from the base line data to be available for stakeholders, in June.  
These reports will also be the fuel that will ignite the education and sustainability strategy for the project.

### 3. **Presentations from Systagenix and Smith and Nephew**

The group listened to two presentations; one from Systagenix and one from Smith and Nephew, describing their “value added” offerings to support the NSM LHIN Wound Strategy Project. The group found the information very helpful and felt that the presentations posed resources that would be very helpful to the implementation and sustainability of the project.

Comment made by the group that if organizations have already established relationships with any of these industry partners, they are encouraged to consider the needs of their practice settings and contact their representatives as they always have.

#### Action:

Next Steering Committee will include 4 presentations from our industry partners, describing the value added components they can contribute to this initiative. Following all presentations there will be future discussions regarding how these resources may fit within the wound strategy initiative, both at the steering committee and working group tables.

### 4. **Gap Identification**

Joanne encouraged the group to continue to think about the challenges that exist in their sector that may present a barrier to the implementation/sustainability, of best practice care. Joanne shared that working groups have identified potential barriers and opportunities, such as:

- Preventative foot care /assessments in dialysis settings
- Opportunities to improve access to vascular assessments
- Lack of product knowledge and education gaps
- Surgical Site Infection surveillance strategies

#### Action:

Please continue to uncover these opportunities. Brain storm with colleagues and continue to raise these topics at local working groups and the steering committee in the future.

### 5. **Meeting Close**

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

### 6. **Next Meeting**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4-6pm, Barrie office, NSM CCAC.