

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Historic meeting – Council approves two regional initiatives!

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REGIONAL CRITICAL CARE PLAN

Dr. Giulio DiDiodato, NSM LHIN Critical Care Lead presented a proposal for a regional critical care plan for NSM. The next steps will be to develop a working sub-committee, comprised of members of the Intensivists Collaborative, nursing leadership and others, to establish best practices, regional standards for better outcomes and report back to the council in March with a final report and implementation plan. The motion that was approved reads as follows:

It was resolved that the LHIN Leadership Council approves and supports the ongoing development of a regional critical care plan, proposed implementation timetable and evaluation criteria for an integrated regional critical care system subject to final approval by the LHIN Leadership Council.

RECIPROCAL INTER-FACILITY PATIENT FLOW

Sandy McFarlane, VP Patient Programs and Chief Nursing Executive, Royal Victoria Hospital, presented a proposal for reciprocal inter-facility patient flow, also known as repatriation. This initiative involves the receiving hospital being able to repatriate patients back to the hospital they were transferred from. Each NSM hospital has been asked to develop protocols for patient transfer by January 29, 2010. Once the repatriation policy is implemented, the Leadership Council will be looking for feedback through an evaluation to ensure outcomes are being achieved. The motion that was approved reads as follows:

It was resolved that the LHIN Leadership Council approves and supports in principle, the Accountability and Collaboration Agreement for Reciprocal Inter-Facility Patient Flow (Repatriation) as recommended by the Chief Nursing Executive.

INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM DESIGN RFS

Susan Plewes, Director, Integrated Health System Design Project thanked the Council members who served as the Vendor Evaluation and Selection Team. The Team evaluated, interviewed and provided a recommendation to the LHIN CEO for consideration by the LHIN Board of Directors. The Board reviewed the Request for Service process on January 11th and a unanimous vendor decision was reached. Stay tuned for the announcement shortly. As a refresh, the members of the Council's Vendor Evaluation and Selection Team were as follows:

Voting Members

NSM LHIN - Bernie Blais
MHCP - Carol Lambie
RVH - Janice Skot
BISS - Ingrid Lehmann
BCFHT - Val Smith
IOOF - Doreen Saunders

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Resource Members

NSM LHIN - Susan Plewes
NSM LHIN - Jill Tettmann
NSM LHIN - Tim Berry
NSM CCAC - Debbie Roberts

SENIORS HEALTH PLAN

Gail Scott, Chair, Seniors Health Regional Action Group, provided the Council with an overview of the report entitled “North Simcoe Muskoka Seniors Health Plan and Key Recommendations”. Senior/retired health care experts are being asked to participate in a local Seniors’ Health Regional Action Group. The Action Group Terms of Reference and Project Charter will be circulated to the Leadership Council. Val Smith from the Barrie and Area Family Health Team noted her team would be interested in becoming involved in this initiative.

LOCAL SUB-GEOGRAPHIC LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

The Terms of Reference for the five sub-geographic local leadership councils were reviewed by the Council. The LHIN has five distinct planning areas:

Barrie and Area
Collingwood and Area
Midland/Penetanguishene and Area
Muskoka
Orillia and Area

Within each of these areas, a council similar to the LHIN Leadership Council will be formed that will look at local strategies/initiatives. Representation will be very broad and cover all sectors of the health system along with non-health sectors. There will be two consumer representatives on each of the five councils.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Council is set for Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the NSM LHIN office beginning at 4pm.

Topics for discussion will include:

- Orthopaedics
- Community Hospital Core Services
- Aging at Home
- Complex Continuing Care
- Regional Critical Care
- IHSD Update

The Council’s page on the LHIN’s website at www.nsmhlin.on.ca has been updated with information from the January 13th meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca.