

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Regional Orthopaedics Comes to North Simcoe Muskoka!

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REGIONAL ORTHOPAEDICS

Dr. Anne Engell, Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Chief of Staff and Chair of the NSM Chiefs of Staff Council, and Shawn Virtue, Senior Director, Surgery Program, Royal Victoria Hospital presented findings on behalf of the NSM LHIN Fracture Care Group related to a regional program for hip and femur fractures.

Developing a regional model of care for hip and femur fracture patients is important for the following reasons:

- An integrated model of care ensures the right care in the right place at the right time, thus improving the opportunity for patients to return home or to live in the most appropriate setting post fracture
- Patients with issues such as delirium, dementia, and depression are better managed when healthcare professionals receive comprehensive targeted education
- Standardized system processes, protocols, and care pathways improve patient outcomes and streamline patient flow
- A LHIN-wide adopted model of care will promote collaboration and accountability

The Council reviewed the recommendations put forward by the Care Group and supported the following motion:

It was resolved that the NSM LHIN Leadership Council supports the implementation of the nine recommendations ‘not requiring resources’ as outlined in the final “Proposal for a Sustainable, Coordinated LHIN-Wide Hip and Femur Fracture Service” report. In addition, the

Leadership Council will provide access to future meetings for an implementation update and consideration for the recommendations requiring resources.

NSM REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Julie Matuszek, Integrated Branch Manager, Canadian Red Cross Simcoe County and Committee Chair, spoke to the Council about the Transportation Inventory Report that was finalized in December 2009. The mandate for the report was to source different ideas for a regionally coordinated program, identify current gaps in service and detail the current transportation inventory in NSM. The report can be found on the NSM LHIN website under Provincial Initiatives, Aging at Home and scroll down to the Transportation section.

The Committee will be continuing to look at the transportation needs of patients in NSM. Meetings will be occurring with dialysis units’ staff to brainstorm on maximizing transportation and service for our high risk client base. As well, accessible transportation in Muskoka will be further reviewed. Stay tuned for future updates.

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PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Drs. Kieran Moore and Charles Gardner of Public Health presented an overview on 'syndromic surveillance', an innovative approach to electronic surveillance which has recently been trialed in hospital Emergency Departments. Simcoe Muskoka Public Health Unit received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to trial this surveillance in Georgian Bay General Hospital, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital. ED visits, respiratory illnesses and fever/influenza-like illness indicators were tracked with all three indicators showing increased ED usage during November 2009.

CARE CONNECTIONS, PARTNERING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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Information Technology

Stephen Hogg and Sandy McBride of KPMG provided the Council with information on the IT component of the **Care Connections, Partnering for Healthy Communities** project.

The three technology deliverables will be to:

1. develop a long term technology vision – what would the technology foundation look like in order to support a health system design 10 years out
2. develop a current state assessment – what is currently in place in NSM, and
3. develop a strategic plan for information technology investments in the next 10 years.

Health System Design

The Council received updates on the system design. In the next few weeks, working groups will be asked to review the jurisdictional assessment documentation gathered by Deloitte over the past 3 months. The groups will continue these discussions at the **Care Connections, Partnering for Healthy Communities** symposium being held on May 18th and 19th.

The role of the NSM LHIN and Health Service Provider Boards of Directors was discussed. A Governance Working Group is being struck whose main roles and responsibilities will be as follows:

- Liaise between the LHIN Leadership Council, NSM LHIN Board and Provider Boards on matters of governance.
- Advise on the design of a collaborative governance structure, communication strategy and dispute resolution mechanism related to the future system design.
- Champion integrated health system improvements from a governance perspective.

It is anticipated the Governance Working Group will have one meeting prior to the symposium.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Council is set for Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the NSM LHIN office beginning at 4pm.

On the agenda will be the Inter-Facility Patient Transfer policy, NSM LHIN Balanced Scorecard, and updates from the NSM Wound Care Strategy and Regional Critical Care Program.

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