

Ontario BSS Project-Phase 1

“Keeping you in the know”

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Updating our progress

In this Communiqué we would like to update on the status of some items we spoke about in previous issues.

First, an overview of the successful national BSS knowledge exchange event which took place on June 7th.

Secondly, a bit more information about the

individuals who have agreed to be LHIN leads for the project and their roles on supporting this work.

We would also like to introduce you to a new member of our leadership team- Angelina Yau.

And as always, we have a few announcements to keep you up to date on

the most recent happenings.

As we move into the summer we want to wish you all the very best for an enjoyable season.



Informing National Practice: Canadian Behavioural Support Services Initiative



On June 7, 2010 41 early leaders from 11 of the 13 Canadian provinces and territories met in Toronto to discuss the current state of behavioural support services across the country.

By bringing together leaders in mental health and dementia, representing a cross section of sectors from across Canada, this knowledge exchange opportunity was the first in a series of conversations that will lead to an improved system of care for older adults with behaviours associated with mental health, dementia or other neurological conditions.

Co-hosted by the Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange and

the Canadian Dementia Resource and Knowledge Exchange, and funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, this initial conversation saw the sharing of the ‘current state’ of behavioural support systems across the provinces and territories including a high-level look at readiness for change, current successes and challenges and geo-political contexts that may influence decision making. Participants were struck by the similarities across the provinces and territories in terms of challenges and successes; despite wide variations in resources and geo-political context.

This group of national stakeholders will be convening over the summer via webinar to identify opportunities and priorities

and then, courtesy of funding from the Alzheimer Society of Canada and the Canadian Dementia Knowledge Translation Network, will be continuing the conversation in-person again in the fall.

Space is limited and invite-only; however, should you like to be considered for an invitation to the upcoming webinar or the in-person exchange in the fall, please email Megan Harris, KT Planning and Development Lead for the Canadian Dementia Resource and Knowledge Exchange at: meganharris@sympatico.ca

Continue to check www.bssproject.ca for updates and information about the evolution of this Canada-wide behavioural support system initiative.

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Do you have questions or comments?

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The BSS Project LHIN Leads

This BSS Project also includes a group of dedicated LHIN leads who are just beginning to identify and address related issues. They have met twice and have found that they share common ground on the need to provide some consistency and clarity around their roles in the implementation of the new LTC regulations. For example, there is a need to understand the current situation related to specialized units in LTC Homes in each LHIN as they support individuals with behavioural challenges. As well, they continue to support the completion of the inventory of BSS projects and initiatives and are sharing key learnings from Aging At Home proposals.

The LHIN LEADS

- Julie Girard South West LHIN
- Nazira Jaffer Central West LHIN
- Janesca Lewis Central LHIN
- Lori Lucier Toronto Central LHIN
- Dawn Maziak Erie St. Clair LHIN
- Mike O'Shea North East LHIN
- Blair Philippi Waterloo Wellington LHIN
- Jim Restall North West LHIN
- Nancy Cornwell North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN
- Shirley Stewart Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN
- Cynthia Martineau South East LHIN
- Champlain, Mississauga and Central East TBD

In Short:

- ✓ **Welcome Angelina Yau-** the BSS Project Leadership team is pleased to welcome another new member. Angelina is the Senior Project Manager - Seniors Mental Health and Addiction Services Project – Mount Sinai Hospital. Angelina brings with her a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy and we appreciate her willingness to lend these to the BSS Project.
- ✓ **Business Case-** We are happy to announce that *RealWorld Systems Inc.* will be undertaking the work for the Business Case for the BSS Project. Led by Matthew Norton, the team will be working toward a completed document in late August 2010.
- ✓ **Virtual Advisory Panel-** Many thanks to the members of the Virtual Advisory Panel who took the time to lend their ideas to the Rapid Evidence Review. We appreciate your insights!