

Ontario BSS Project-Phase 1

“Keeping you in the know”

A View from the Mid-Way Point



Phase 1 of the BSS project is approximately half way through it's time frame and work has been continuing at a brisk pace.

Part of our role is to try to

link and integrate with the work and initiatives that are underway across the province. In this issue, we would like to highlight some of this work.

First, we would like to share with you some information about a Community of Practice which has a focus on seniors with mental

illness, addictions and behavioural issues.

As well, we are fortunate to be able to be part of an important national initiative on BSS issues to take place in early June.

And lastly we are highlighting our own ongoing provincial inventory of innovative BSS ideas.

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A Translational Exchange to Influence Practice and Policy

With the support and leadership of the Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN) a Community of Practice (CoP) focused on seniors with mental illness, addictions and behavioural issues was created. The foundation of the SHRTN sponsored CoP was Ontario's more than 50 community-based geriatric mental health outreach teams.

While complex and challenging mental health, dementia and other neurological conditions were contributing to health care capacity issues, it was acknowledged that Ontario's specialized geriatric psychiatry and addiction services played a critical role in being a resource and displaying leadership to build a better system and in partnership, enable the needed

transformations.

A provincial priority setting and planning meeting was held in Toronto on March 25, 2010 to strengthen the engagement of geriatric psychiatry and addiction service leaders and key system partners across Ontario by developing a provincially aligned – regional approach to collaboration and action. The leaders from the March 25th meeting agreed to be local champions to host provincially aligned regional forums.

Regional champions will meet by teleconference at the end of May/early June to review a proposed regional meeting agenda and to participate in a knowledge transfer activity related to 2 selected process improvement strategies

Phase 1 includes the hosting of provincially linked- regional meetings to be held on two dates provided by the working group.

For more information about this Community of Practice please go to the SHRTN website and click on “Communities of Practice” and choose “Mental Health Addictions and Behavioural Issues”

[SHRTN Website](#)



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Informing National Practice: Canadian Behavioural Support Services Initiative

On June 7, 2010 approximately 40 early leaders from each Canadian province and territory will be meeting 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 is 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 national initiative will ultimately support the priorities of the Mental Health Commission of Canada's Senior's Advisory Group, inform and advance the work of those developing or planning to develop BSS services or units, and foster new network channels in the area of mental health and dementia.

Outcomes from the conversation on June 7 include a draft Canadian BSS Blueprint and Road

Map for advancing the capacity of the Canadian systems of support for care.

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

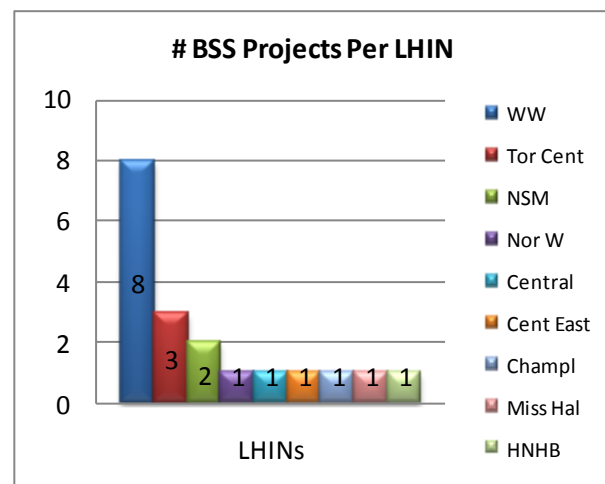


Spotlight on the BSS Inventory

Individuals and groups from across Ontario have added their projects and information to the BSS project inventory. Currently 19 projects are profiled in the most updated summary list, and the link remains open for any new projects or ideas to be added.

The projects come from a wide range of view points, sectors and LHINs. Currently the largest reported number is in the Waterloo Wellington LHIN.

Please take a moment to review the projects and share any new ideas you have. These 4 examples give you a taste of what is inside the inventory:



- ✓ *North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN*- Behavioural Intervention Response Team (BIRT)
- ✓ *Waterloo Wellington LHIN*- an assessment of a pre-admission protocol for persons with disruptive high risk behaviours entering LTC Homes
- ✓ *Toronto Central LHIN* - a Crisis Outreach Service for Seniors
- ✓ *Central LHIN*- Hush-No Rush staff educational program