

NSM LHIN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Council Welcomes Six New Members!

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HEALTH CARE STUDY TOUR

Janice Skot, CEO, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, provided Council with an overview of her trip to Sweden last spring as a member of the Canadian College of Health Leaders' tour.

Some of the key objectives of the tour were:

- Learn about the similarities and differences between the Canadian and Swedish health care systems
- Explore leadership in an ever-changing health care world
- Establish relationships between Canadian and Swedish members of the health care industry

Highlights of the tour included:

1. **National Healthcare Quality Registry** – captures information on patient problems, interventions and outcomes allowing data to be compiled for all patients nationally.
2. **Patient Safety and Quality** is mandated as part of the Health Care agenda. Legislation in Sweden is similar to the Excellent Care for All Act.
3. **Elder Care** - Emphasis on keeping seniors in their homes longer – only 1% live in special housing and the average length of stay in a nursing home is 1 year.
4. **Private and Public Working Together** - Sweden faces similar economic pressures as Canada - strict guidelines and tendering processes are in place for privatization of specific clinical services accountable for quality.
5. **“Healthy Population” Focus** – The backbone of the Swedish health system is primary care, not acute care. Every citizen is connected to a primary care network - Hospitals link closely with primary care for patient flow, information sharing and knowledge transfer for continuity of care.

GOVERNANCE

COORDINATING COUNCIL

System Governance is a critical part of the implementation of an integrated health system. A Governance Council, comprised of both Board members and senior leadership, will begin meeting shortly. Four members of the Leadership Council will serve as senior leadership representatives on the Governance Council:

- **Albert Henriques**, CEO, South Georgian Bay CHC
- **Jane Sinclair**, GM, Health & Cultural Services, Simcoe County
- **Janice Skot**, CEO, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
- **Paul Heinrich**, CEO, Georgian Bay General Hospital

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Bernie Blais, Council Chair and LHIN CEO welcomed the newest members of the Leadership Council:

- **Glen Newby** – CEO, New Path Youth & Family Services, Barrie
- **Henrietta Koning** – Administrator, The Pines Long-Term Care Home, Bracebridge
- **Gary Staines** – Assistant Executive Director, Helping Hands, Orillia
- **Eric Adriaans** – Director, Community Services, Canadian Red Cross, Ontario Zone

Two other new members were unable to make the meeting but they are:

- **Germaine Elliott**, Chair, Aboriginal Health Circle
- **Walter Ens** – Administrator, Hillcrest Village Care Manor, Midland

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The Council will soon name a new francophone representative to replace **Peter Hominuk** who resigned from the Council to take a new position in Ottawa.

CARE CONNECTIONS

The Council was informed that the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre has applied for a grant through the Change Foundation to help with the funding of the 'Home For Life Project' (see the October 2011 Council update). This grant is one of five under review for funding.

For the benefit of the new Council members, an overview of the **Care Connections** 3 year implementation plan was provided with introductions made to the leads for each area of focus. **Care Connections** Coordinating Council Reports for ICT/eHealth, Mental Health & Addiction, Transportation, Integrated Health Human Resources (IHHR) and System Navigation were provided through the project management software Eclipse.

Leadership Council discussed Health Human Resources, identifying some key deliverables for the IHHR Coordinating Council:

- Research and provide information on best practice; in areas documented through the design phase of **Care Connections**.
- Create a comprehensive IHHR strategy and plan – one that is reliable, creates collaboration in a cost effective manner and concentrates on system wide inter-

professional care, education and training. Inter-professional care teams include physicians, all professional, allied and support staff, LHIN-wide and across all sectors.

It was agreed that the IHHR Council will build on the current state status as developed during the 2009/10 **Care Connections** design phase and consider what is required in the context of the future desired state.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR KIDS' MENTAL HEALTH

Glen Newby, CEO, New Path Youth & Family Services provided an overview of the Child Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County. Simcoe County has been asked to become a site for **Working Together for Kids' Mental Health**, with New Path as the lead organization. Goals, affiliations, initiatives, and resources are being put in place to assist in identifying kids with mental health issues sooner, enabling them to access services more quickly. Further updates will be provided to the Council as the program matures.

NEXT STEPS

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LHIN at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca.