

Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors Meeting Highlights - August 25, 2010

Presentations

Highlight on Cornwall - Champlain LHIN staff and Cornwall Community Hospital CEO Jeanette Despatie spoke to Board members about health-care challenges facing Cornwall, particularly surgical cancellations resulting from the high number of Alternate Level of Care patients. (These patients have completed their treatment but remain in hospital while waiting for community-based services or a long-term care home bed.) LHIN staff outlined a number of recent health-care investments in Cornwall, including a boost to the hospital's base funding; 20 temporary additional beds at the hospital; and new rehabilitation beds at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre. Champlain LHIN CEO Robert Cushman emphasized that the regional network is committed to a robust, full-service 24/7 community hospital in Cornwall. However, he stated that in these current economic times, increased funding cannot be the sole solution. Dr. Cushman offered three main recommendations – to continue to improve the role of hospital medical staff, to foster more inter-sector collaboration, and to develop a multi-party strategy to better care for our aging population.

Addictions Services – Denis Boileau, executive director of Maison Fraternité, updated the LHIN Board on the development of the agency's new residential youth addiction treatment centre. The centre, scheduled to open in the summer of 2011, will be funded for five Francophone clients. M. Boileau reported that the organization has conducted community engagement activities with residents and businesses in the surrounding community of Vanier in Ottawa. In addition, Glenn Barnes, executive director of Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, delivered an interim report on the recently opened residential youth addiction treatment centre in Carp for Anglophone girls. Mr. Barnes presented photos of the renovated centre, and explained the 'assertive continuing care' clinical model, which aims to prevent relapse among clients.

Champlain Diabetes Update – A new regional coordinating centre for diabetes, hosted at Centretown Community Health Centre in Ottawa, is now operational. Administrator Pierre Boulay was invited to the Board meeting to discuss the mandate of the new centre - to promote regional coordination of diabetes services, drive provincial priorities, champion clinical change management, conduct outreach activities for at-risk communities, and monitor and improve regional performance. Champlain LHIN staff also gave an overview of provincial and regional diabetes strategies. In the Champlain region, the strategies focus on prevention initiatives, high-risk population projects (e.g. gestational diabetes, new immigrants), resources for Aboriginal communities, self-management programs, electronic referral tools and diabetes education teams.

Decisions

Cornwall Health Services - Board Directors voted in favour of a motion asking health service providers in Cornwall - and other municipal partners as needed - to create a working group that will identify practical solutions addressing the needs of aging seniors.

Facilitated Integration – Addictions - The Board issued an integration decision supporting an agreement between two youth addictions agencies - Alwood Treatment Centre and Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

Update

Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreements (L-SAA): 2010-13 - Sixty of 61 accountability agreements between long-term care homes and the Champlain LHIN have been signed to date.

New Champlain LHIN Board Member - The Board welcomed David Somppi, who has been a resident of Carleton Place since 1988. He graduated from the University of Waterloo with degrees in electrical engineering, and his professional experience is primarily in the high technology sector. David served as chair of the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital, was a founding member of the Lanark County and Town of Smiths Falls Substance Abuse Network, and was chair of the Carleton Place Health Village Committee. He was appointed on July 8, 2010 for a three-year term.

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