

Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors Meeting March 24, 2010

Presentations

Integrating Children and Youth Services – Michel Bilodeau, President and CEO of the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario, spoke about the organization’s vision and strategic priorities. CHEO is prepared to assume a leadership role in the development of an integrated system of care for mothers, newborns, children and youth within the Champlain region and western Quebec. The proposed integrated service delivery model includes ‘local children and youth health centres’ that would consolidate community services, hospital ambulatory services, primary care and other services under one roof in a number of locations, in partnership with other health care providers, and with support from CHEO. A regional council (co-chaired by Champlain LHIN CEO Robert Cushman and Mr. Bilodeau) now serves as a link between the Champlain LHIN and provincial programs delivered at CHEO such as services for children and youth with eating disorders. The LHIN Board expressed support for the CHEO directions.

Strategic Plan for Bruyère Continuing Care: 2010-2014 – Bruyère President and CEO Jean Bartkowiak shared stories about patients who have benefited from services at the hospital. The anecdotes illustrated the organization’s key strategic directions, including preventing premature admissions to long-term care homes, optimizing the care experience, driving integration, and enhancing the hospital’s role as a vital regional resource. As well, Amy Porteous, Senior Director of Planning and Residential Programs, presented the community engagement process that helped to inform Bruyère’s strategic directions. The LHIN Board gave its support to Bruyère Continuing Care to pursue those strategic priorities.

Decisions

Champlain LHIN Vision for Health Care – At last month’s LHIN Board meeting, Champlain LHIN CEO Robert Cushman gave a presentation on rethinking health care for the 21st century. Because such a vision is necessary to guide future strategic decisions, the Board this month endorsed the principles and concepts presented in Dr. Cushman’s presentation. The Board also directed LHIN staff to pursue further community and stakeholder engagement to refine the vision, and learn more about its strengths and weaknesses prior to it becoming operational.

Facilitated Integration: Alwood Treatment Centre and Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre - LHIN Board members supported an agreement between Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre and Alwood Treatment Centre in which the two organizations will be integrated into one agency. The purpose of the integration is to expand and enhance residential youth drug treatment services in the Champlain region. The integrated agency will operate two sites (Carp and Carleton Place) before consolidating services at a larger structure now being planned for the Carp site.

Updates

Champlain Community Care Access Centre – The Champlain LHIN will receive the CCAC Recovery Plan by March 31, 2010. The focus of the recovery plan is to ensure that proper financial and service delivery controls are in place for 2010-11. A draft copy of the recovery plan is now under review by LHIN staff and will be provided to LHIN Board members for the April Board meeting. For 2009-10, LHIN funding has allowed the CCAC to mitigate service reductions and helped eliminate the deficit projected last fall.

Hospital Service Accountability Agreements (H-SAA) – All extensions of hospital agreements with the Champlain LHIN must be finalized by March 31, 2010. To date, nine agreements have been approved and signed. Seven agreements have been approved and are expected to be signed by the deadline, and four agreements are still under negotiation. The nine organizations with finalized agreements are: Almonte General, Carleton Place and District Memorial, Deep River and District, Hawkesbury & District General, Pembroke Regional Hospital, Renfrew Victoria Hospital, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, St. Francis Memorial, and University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

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