

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS CORE ACTION GROUP MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008 AT 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

AT CENTRAL WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK
8 NELSON STREET WEST, SUITE 300, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO

PRESENT:

Gord Gunning	CANES
Mary Kardos Burton	Central West CCAC
Carolyn Clubine	Region of Peel
Lisa Mudie	Richview Supportive Housing
Delys Haughton	Central West CCAC
Peter Dykstra	Holland Christian Homes
Althea Martin-Risden	Rexdale CHC
Barbara Pidcock	Health Systems Solutions
Carry	William Osler Health Centre
Laurie Turza	Alzheimer Dufferin

STAFF:

David Colgan	Central West LHIN
Pat Stoddart	Central West LHIN
Michael Buchert	Central West LHIN
Ali Addo	Central West LHIN
Neil McIntosh	Central West LHIN

ITEM # 1 – WELCOME

Gord Gunning called the meeting to order and welcomed members. The objective of the meeting was to give an update on review of Aging at Home – Year 2 proposals and discuss the development of specialized regional geriatric services in the Central West LHIN.

ITEM # 2 – CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from October 8th, 2008 were confirmed as true record of the proceedings.

ITEM # 3 – UPDATE ON REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR AGING AT HOME – YEAR 2

- David Colgan presented 'Aligning Aging at Home Initiatives with the ER/ALC Strategy' – presentation highlighted Central West LHIN's findings for Aging at Home – Year 2 thus far.
- David briefly mentioned A@H Year 1 initiatives moving forward and lessons learned from Year One process.
- A@H Year 2 process slightly different because of focusing investments to address ER/ALC issue.
- Aging at Home Strategy as a component of Overarching Plan.
- Changing context and the introduction of Overarching Plan to address ED wait times and ALC as provincial priorities.
- Aging at Home 2009/10 Investment Guidelines have been developed – focus on Direct, Diversion and Preventive programs.
- When geo-clusters looked at programs, everything seemed direct impact. However, when aligned with Ministry guidelines, most programs were not consistent.
- Aging at Home – Year 2 funding is roughly \$4M – breakdown of funds:
 - Direct/ Immediate – 50% of total Year 2 funds
 - Diversion – 35 % of total Year 2 funds
 - Preventive – 15% of total Year 2 funds
- The Aging at Home Investment were incorporated within the Guidelines Decision Framework criteria.
- Central West LHIN will work with HSPs and Core Action Group to meet our “direct/ immediate” commitment.
- Recognizing that there's still work to do and outstanding questions about some of these initiatives. This is a first look at proposals that may be going forward:
 - **Direct/ Immediate Programs**
 - Caledon Community Services – Transitional Short-Stay Beds
 - CANES – Palliative Care Beds
 - Dufferin Oaks – Respite/ Transitional Care
 - Lord Dufferin Centre – Bridging You Home Program
 - Richview Residence – Short Stay/ Respite Services
 - Regional specialized geriatric services
 - **Diversion Programs**
 - Alzheimer Society Dufferin – Senior Mental Health Intensive Case Management
 - Caledon Community Services – Supportive Living (Year 1)
 - CANES Community Care – Respite Services
 - Central West CCAC – Tele-Health Monitoring

- **Preventive Programs**
 - CANES Community Care – Somali Seniors Adult Day Program
 - Dufferin Oaks – Bathing Program
 - Dufferin Oaks – PSW Escort – Transportation
 - Region of Peel – Adult Day Program – Davis Centre
 - Region of Peel – Adult Day Program – Peel Manor
- Aging at Home Overarching Plan due December 15th
- Aging at Home Plan due January 31st

ITEM #4 – DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL SPECIALIZED GERIATRIC SERVICES – BARBARA PIDCOCK

- Barbara provided update on the development of regional specialized geriatric services in the Central West LHIN.
- Barbara mentioned she is gathering information and talking to providers to merge great ideas. At this point, nothing is really coordinated and moving forward as a whole.
- To address the ER/ ALC issue, Barbara mentioned she is looking at GEM Nurses but must keep in mind the need for community supports to allow seniors to age in their homes.
- So far, Barbara engaged in discussion with CHCs, CCAC and hospitals within the Central West LHIN to get a better understanding.
- Recognized the need for GEM Nurses, outreach teams in the community, a potential coordinator position, and the need to look at evidence/ assessment tools.
- Barbara suggested a framework and a “to do” plan will be completed developed within 17 days.
- Discussion ensued around ER visits.
- Barbara mentioned the Outreach Teams and GEM Nurses will have an understanding of services available in the community.
- Discussion ensued around discharge planning and avoiding re-admittance.

ITEM #5 – DECISION PRIORITY SETTING FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION – CRAIG MITTON

- Craig Mitton joined by teleconference. Craig spoke about the development of the Decision Framework Tool for the LHINs.
- He mentioned the Decision Framework Tool incorporates transparency, fairness, diverse community interest as well as value for money and resources.
- Craig provided a brief background on the development of the tool and current pilots.
- Currently, looking at across LHIN workshop in January to review and refine Decision Framework tool.

- The Decision Framework tool is generic set of criteria that aligns LHIN priorities and engages communities.
- Craig mentioned the evaluation as a critical piece of the whole process. Three main components:
 1. Document Review – business case template, policy document, resource allocation etc.
 2. Set of Interviews – LHIN staff, stakeholders etc.
 3. Online Survey – engage HSP, what worked? What didn't work? etc.
- Evaluation to include changes in direction and process – to be dynamic, flexible and redirect.
- Analyze surveys and provide qualitative review.
- Evaluation process also dynamic, flexible and adaptable.
- Discussion ensued around Aging at Home – Year 2 process.
- Craig mentioned evaluation processes for the North West and Champlain LHINs.

ITEM #6 – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2009.