

**MINUTES OF THE SENIORS CORE ACTION GROUP MEETING**

**HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2008 AT 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Gord Gunning	CANES
Christine Nuernburger	Central West CCAC
Bev Lashbrook	Caledon Community Services
Carolyn Clubine	Region of Peel
Valerie Quarrie	Dufferin Community Services
Lisa Mudie	Richview Supportive Housing
Carol Kidd	Caledon Meals on Wheels
Mary Wheelwright	Headwaters
Delys Haughton	Central West CCAC
Marsha Nicholson	Kipling Acres

**STAFF:**

David Colgan	Central West LHIN
Pat Stoddart	Central West LHIN
Nazira Jaffer	Central West LHIN
Michael Buchert	Central West LHIN
Ali Addo	Central West LHIN

**ITEM # 1 – WELCOME**

Gord Gunning called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Handouts circulated while everyone introduced themselves. The objective of the meeting was to discuss service priorities for Aging at Home Year 2 and select a process to invite proposals.

**ITEM # 2 – PRESENTATION TO SENIORS CORE ACTION GROUP – NAZIRA JAFFER**

The presentation highlighted prioritizing within the service buckets and addressed how to target invitations. Nazira talked about a number of issues including

- LHINs not receiving guidelines from the ministry for Aging at Home Year 2
- Limited funding for Aging at Home Year 2
- Most of the Aging at Home Year 1 Initiatives not fully operational to date
- Many gaps in services across the LHIN

- ALC/ ER challenges

Furthermore, Nazira directed members to engage in discussion to prioritize within the service buckets. Members selected priority services as LHIN – wide strategies or limited to geographical cluster.

### **ITEM # 3 – PRIORITIZE WITHIN SERVICE BUCKETS**

#### **ITEM # 3.1 – OUTREACH SERVICES**

Discussion started around the first service bucket, Outreach Services. Due to the shortage of doctors and the implementation of a similar program in Year 1, members agreed to remove House Calls. Also, members identified the costs associated with Mobile Assessment therefore removed that as well. It was agreed that Visiting Nurse and Outreach Workers could be combined and Volunteers would be removed.

Members agreed that PSW Escort services linked with existing transportation services and Visiting Nurse/ Outreach Worker proposals would be submitted by geographical clusters. Geographical cluster leads are as follows:

- Brampton – Carolyn Clubine
- Caledon – Monty Laskin
- Dufferin – Valerie Quarrie
- Etobicoke/ Malton/ Woodbridge – Gord Gunning

However, Tele-Health Monitoring was identified as LHIN-wide strategy therefore, proposals would be submitted by Central West CCAC. Dilys Haughton would remain as the unchanged lead for all Central West CCAC activities.

#### **ITEM # 3.2 – SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES**

Members identified the importance of Supportive Housing and decided to keep all the priority services: Supportive Housing + Home Care services, Transition beds and Short Stay beds/ Respite beds.

It was agreed that Supportive Housing and Home Care services would be the new form of supportive housing in non-traditional settings. These combined would address healthy housing principles and include personal care, home-making, home maintenance, social friendly visiting, and medication monitoring.

Proposals to be submitted by geographical clusters and the leads would stay the same.

Furthermore, Transition beds would increase capacity and move patients from acute beds to transitional bed for a short period. Again, proposals to be submitted by geographical clusters while leads remain unchanged.

Short Stay beds/ Respite beds proposals to be submitted by geographical clusters.

### **ITEM # 3.3 – CARE GIVER SUPPORT SERVICES**

Members agreed that all Care Giver Support services (Respite Care, Capacity Building/ Education, Care Ambassador/ Volunteer and Adult Day Care Program) are important to all geographical clusters.

Proposals to be submitted by geographical clusters with the exception of Adult Day Care Program specific to Brampton cluster.

### **ITEM # 3.4 – SENIORS WELLNESS SERVICES**

Seniors Wellness services include Falls Prevention Strategy, Elder Abuse Strategy and Seniors Wellness Program. Members recognized Falls Prevention and Elder Abuse as LHIN-wide strategies carried by Central West CCAC while Seniors Wellness Program is specific to Etobicoke cluster.

Members discussed Falls Prevention Strategy to review current status and services that are offered across the LHIN by different providers and develop a LHIN-wide strategy for implementation. Areas to be considered are Falls Education, Falls Assessment and Falls Clinics based on need.

Also, members discussed Elder Abuse Strategy to review current status and services that are offered across the LHIN by different providers and develop a LHIN-wide strategy for implementation. Areas to be considered include crisis management, counselling and support which are culturally and linguistically competent based on need.

### **ITEM # 4 – OTHER BUSINESS**

Members made it clear to include individuals that might have been absent during the cluster meetings. Also, it was discussed that other service providers would be directed to leads if they inquired about submitting proposals.

Members suggested that a process to invite Aging at Home Year2 proposals be posted on the Central West LHIN website for transparency. As well, sending out broadcast email to all the providers who submitted proposals in Year 1 to ensure they are aware of the online process for Year 2.

Nazira pointed out there will be two orientation sessions to train service providers on how to complete Business Case Templates. The orientation sessions will be held at the Central West LHIN office on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. Session 1: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and session 2: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Members expressed high level of comfort with Aging at Home Year 2 initiatives and agreed everyone is much “happier”.

#### **ITEM # 5 – MEMBERSHIP**

Gord Gunning mentioned Bramalea CHC and Rexdale CHC to join the Seniors Core Action Group. Both CHCs would be invited to the next meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ITEM # 6 – NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup> 2008.