

**Central West LHIN  
Services for Seniors Core Action Group**

**Meeting Notes  
Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Central West LHIN Boardroom**

**Attendees:**

Gord Gunning	CANES
Marina Ellinson	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
David Colgan	Central West LHIN
Nazira Jaffer	Central West LHIN
Michael Buchert	Central West LHIN
Ali Addo	Central West LHIN

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**1.0 Welcome**

Gord Gunning called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed members to the meeting. Presentation material from each geo-cluster was circulated while members introduced themselves. The objective of the meeting was to present the findings from each cluster and agree on which service priority initiatives would be carried out for Central West LHIN Aging at Home – Year 2.

**2.0 Cluster Presentations**

**2.1 Brampton Cluster – Nazira Jaffer/ Carolyn Clubine**

The presentation highlighted seven priority initiatives most important to the Brampton cluster. Brampton identified high need for services for seniors in the region because of the critical mass of seniors in one area.

The following are the priority initiatives for the Brampton cluster:

1. Care Giver Support
2. Supportive Housing
3. Falls Prevention
4. Outreach Services
5. Seniors Wellness
6. Transportation

## 7. GEM Nurse

### **2.2 Etobicoke Malton Woodbridge Cluster – Gord Gunning**

Etobicoke cluster presented four priority initiatives. One of the priorities is to create a comprehensive volunteer program to increase capacity for providing existing services in the community.

The following are the priority initiatives for the Etobicoke cluster:

1. Early Intervention & Education in Health Promotion
2. Provision of Supportive Housing
3. Creation of Comprehensive Volunteer Program
4. Enabling Mobility of Seniors & Services

### **2.3 Dufferin Cluster – Valerie Quarrie**

Dufferin cluster recognized seven priority initiatives important to services for seniors. Dufferin expressed the need for physicians in the region to alleviate ER visits. Also, the need to put more dollars in supportive housing and expanding visiting nurses into the Care Ambassador concept were recognized as essentials for seniors to age at home.

The following are the priority initiatives for the Dufferin cluster:

1. Supportive Housing
2. Falls Prevention
3. Mental Health
4. Visiting Nurse
5. GEM Nurse
6. Tele-Health Monitoring
7. Bridging You Home

### **2.4 Caledon Cluster – Carol Kidd**

The presentation highlighted five key priority initiatives the Caledon cluster identified as most important. Caledon expressed the need for supportive housing specifically 24/7 supportive housing service that includes short-stay care giving.

The following are the priority initiatives for the Caledon cluster:

1. Increasing Capacity within Supportive Housing Services
2. Balance of Care (support for IADLS)
3. Mobile Community Assessment Team
4. Advanced Care Planning
5. Seniors Helping Seniors

### **3.0 Geographical Cluster Report – Nazira Jaffer**

Nazira Jaffer presented synopsis of the four cluster meetings. All four clusters identified similar priority initiatives and the Seniors Core Action Group faced difficulties ranking top priorities. After engaging in discussion, the group selected which priorities will be carried out for Aging at Home Year 2. The selected priority initiatives will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting on August 27, 2008.

The following are the commonalities in priority initiatives across the four clusters:

1. Supportive Housing
2. Outreach Services
3. Care Giver Support
4. Falls Prevention
5. Seniors Wellness
6. GEM Nurse

### **4.0 Discussion**

There was a lengthy discussion on the overall priorities for the Central West LHIN Aging at Home Year 2 detailed planning and the recognition of limited funding for seniors services.

Reviewing each geo-clusters' priorities, the group agreed on six common priorities that should be supported for targeted funding for Year 2. Furthermore the group agreed to prioritize in the following order:

1. Outreach Services
2. Supportive Housing
3. Care Giver Support
4. Seniors Wellness
5. Falls Prevention
6. GEM Nurse

It was agreed that this list of common priorities appears to encompass the local priorities of the geo-clusters.

LHIN staff will present these common priorities to the Central West LHIN Board of Directors for its review, comment, and feedback.

The final process for targeted submission for Aging at Home Year 2 will be discussed at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Seniors Core Action Group meeting. (See attached)

### **5.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.