

South West Hospice Palliative Care INTEGRATE project: Early identification of patients requiring palliative care

WORKSTREAM UPDATE SUMMARY – January 2017

Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)

A data analysis comparing LRCP and CCAC palliative care data has been completed and shared with the core team. The South West CCAC team has assessed their current capacity and estimated the total number of patients they would be able to absorb as part of this pilot. With their existing resources, they are able to support 10 patients per Care Coordinator each year (250 patients across the South West LHIN) to participate in the early identification and coordinated care plan approach. Information about the CCAC data analysis will be shared with leadership in February.

London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP)

The Goals of Care Planning and Documentation committee is moving forward and has finalized the Resuscitation Status care set. The launch date for this care set is March 15. Education to physicians about the process will be rolled out in February. A workplan for the serious illness conversation work has been developed and will be carried out in tandem with the INTEGRATE pilot project work. Serious illness training is one of the enablers noted in the process map, and has been endorsed by physicians, INTEGRATE project teams, and leadership as valuable training for initiating palliative care discussions. The process map was approved by leadership at the end of January.

Aboriginal Care

Mike Vreugdenhil will be stepping down from his position as Aboriginal Primary Care Lead at the South West Regional Cancer Program next month and will no longer be an active member of the INTEGRATE project team. Millie Litt, Manager, and Chantel Antone, Aboriginal Patient Navigator, at the South West Regional Cancer Program will carry on the work of this workstream.

Primary Care

Information has been requested and received from the North Simcoe Muskoka INTEGRATE pilot team, specifically related to Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and forms, to better inform upcoming conversations with EMR and quality data specialists at the Byron Family Medical Centre. These conversations will determine whether their current EMR will be a barrier to proceeding with the pilot.

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Education

Education curriculum and standards are being developed to support the INTEGRATE education enablers. A draft version of the curriculum will be shared at the core team meeting in February.

Data

A draft analysis plan for the pilot study has been completed. A meeting has been scheduled for early February to review the draft plan and to discuss data tracking and measurement for the primary care portion of the pilot. The plan will be revised based on this meeting and circulated for review ahead of the next Core Team meeting.

Communication

A webpage for the project has been created within the South West Hospice Palliative Care Network's website. Visit the webpage for all project related updates:

http://swpalliativecare.ca/52/Current_Projects/