South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Activities**

The five Collaborative tables spent the January meetings reviewing the recommendations from the Capacity Planning report brought forward by the HPC Leadership Committee in December. Each local Collaborative identified risks and barriers related to their local recommendations. The risks and barriers will be brought back to the HPC Leadership Committee at the February meeting.

The Collaboratives were provided with information on the Ontario Advanced Care Planning Communities of Practice including information sheets to be used in local health care settings.

A review of the National Health System’s Sustainability Model was provided and each Collaborative examined one of their change ideas using a sustainability tool in order to determine if the change idea is sustainable locally and ready to be spread to the other Collaborative tables. The change ideas will be presented at the March Collaborative meeting by webcast in order to share the PDSA work across the region.

**HPC Regional Activities**

**HPC Collaboration and Information Sharing**

The South West has coordinated monthly information sharing calls for LHIN and Regional Program Leads. The intent of these calls is to have focused time to share what different LHINs are doing in terms of implementing their palliative care plans/programs. The group suggested that one or two topics be highlighted for each call. Potential topics include funding, reporting & accountability, and balanced scorecards/indicators.

**South Western Academic Health Network (SWAHN) –Palliative Care Working Group**

The Palliative Care Working Group met in January and completed the summary of entry-to-practice curriculum in palliative care. The document identifies the entry-to-practice core team members, their curriculum/training standards, the institutions currently providing the education/training, specific palliative care training requirements and core competencies, identified gaps in curriculums and proposed solutions. The entry-to –practice curriculum in palliative care will be reviewed by the SWAHN Steering Committee in February.

Lambton College has asked the SWAHN-Palliative Care Working Group to review a proposed certificate program in palliative care. If approved, the certificate program would be offered as a prerequisite for CAPCE and an alternative to "The Fundamentals" program. The program was reviewed at the January meeting and further information is required before recommendations can be provided.

**Aboriginal Perspective**

We received an update from Williams Consulting on the current state of the aboriginal needs assessment. The South West CCAC met with the subcommittee and identified the need for resources and education to be refined in order to establish a clear understanding of services to both the aboriginal communities and the providers.

**Education Subcommittee**

The education survey is complete and focus groups are now being hosted during January and February. The results of the survey will be presented to the HPC Leadership Committee at the February meeting and the summary report will be available in March.

**Capacity Planning Project**

The data refresh was provided to the HPC Leadership Committee in January. The recommendations based on the final report will move to the South West LHIN Board of Directors for approval in February.

**Data and Performance**

The Subcommittee met in January and reviewed the final LHIN wide dashboard including the data update. Local subLHIN dashboards were presented to the subcommittee and approved with changes. Each subLHIN Collaborative will review their local dashboard at the February Collaborative meetings.