South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Activities**

The local Collaboratives reviewed the timelines set for implementation of the capacity planning recommendations. Risks and barriers related to the local recommendations were discussed and brought back to the PCC Leadership. Local change ideas were updated and the key local change identified ready for spread was identified by each Collaborative and will be presented at the March 24th shared Collaborative session.

**HPC Regional Activities**

**Abroriginal Perspective**

The South West HPC Network Lead and South West CCAC are developing two resource tools to be shared to providers servicing the Indigenous Communities located in the South West. The Workbook-Developing Palliative Care Programs in First Nations Communities will also be part of the toolkit shared with providers.

**Education Subcommittee**

The results of the education survey were shared at the February HPC Leadership Committee meeting. The final report based on information compiled from the survey, the focus groups and the physician interviews will be available in April and shared with the Collaboratives and the Leadership Committee.

**Capacity Planning Project**

Timelines for implementation of the Capacity Planning Recommendations have been established and reviewed by the Collaboratives. Identified risks and barriers in each subLHIN area were compiled and brought back to the HPC Leadership Committee for review.

**Data and Performance**

Local subLHIN dashboards were presented to each Collaborative identifying local data to be monitored. The local dashboards will be monitored on a quarterly basis.

**Provincial Update**

The Ontario Budget 2016 contains a significant new investment in community hospice palliative care. While the details will be rolled out over the coming weeks, Finance Minister Charles Sousa announced that the government will invest $75 million over the next three years, which will bring the total annual investment in the sector to $155 million.

At the end of the three years, the annual government funding for residential hospices will be $55 million dollars a year.