South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Highlights**

The HPC Collaboratives completed the Terms of Reference annual review in April. The CCAC Managers provided data on palliative care patients receiving CCAC services by region including the number of Emergency Services visits, death in place of choice and number of hospital admissions. The sub-region Collaboratives have used this data and the quarterly dashboard statistics to further plan and implement system changes to improve the overall hospice palliative care system across the South West. System changes including enhanced education to build expertise in providers, volunteer training programs and resources to be collaborated among visiting volunteer programs, building compassionate communities, building centers of excellence for residential hospice that will support the integrated system of care for individuals in need of HPC and implementation of early identification and plan of treatment for CPR in to Long Term Care Homes.

**Residential Hospice Planning**

## Sub-region updates

## Grey Bruce

* The Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce continues to prepare for the move to its new hospice location, Chapman House. Construction of the new hospice is expected to be complete by the end of April, 2017 and it is anticipated that patients and families will access the new hospice in June, 2017.
* Communities interested in RH capacity in Grey Bruce have worked collaboratively to produce a discussion document that focuses on building on the current capacity located in Owen Sound.
* The discussion document was reviewed by the Grey Bruce Collaborative and it was recommended that the community groups continue to work with the Board of Directors of Chapman House and South West LHIN staff to further develop a solution for RH that supports the already established model in Grey County, while extending support to Bruce County.
* A meeting took place on April, 7, 2017 to further discuss planning efforts and alignment to the South West LHIN guiding principles for RH. The meeting included the communities who developed a discussion document for the Grey Bruce Collaboratives. The communities working together are Hanover, Kincardine and Walkerton.
* The [Residential Hospice Guiding Document](http://www.southwestlhin.on.ca/~/media/sites/sw/PDF/PalliativeCare/ResidentialHospiceGuidingDocument.pdf?la=en) will be used as a toolkit to continue support planning and implementation in Bruce County.

## Huron Perth

* Development Committees for each of the two sites have been established to continue to plan and implement RH capacity in Huron Perth.
* A Board of Governors for the Huron Perth Hospice is being established and has been incorporated under Hospice Care Avon Maitland. The Board includes representatives from across the diverse geography of Huron and Perth.
* The Stratford Perth site will be built at 90 Greenwood Drive on vacant land behind the existing Greenwood Court complex owned by Tri-County Mennonite Homes.
* The Huron site committee is in the process of securing the location for the new site in Clinton area.
* Fundraising efforts are underway for both RH sites.

## Elgin

* The Residential Hospice Subcommittee includes members from East, West, and Central Elgin and includes representatives from hospice service providers, the Palliative Care Outreach Team, community health centres,  physicians, funeral services, numerous community leaders, St. Joseph’s Health Care Society, and the South West LHIN
* A news release was sent out on March 8, 2017 announcing a new formal partnership between the Residential Hospice Planning Subcommittee and St. Joseph’s Health Care Society.
* A Request for Proposals for a RH business plan was issued, proposals were reviewed, and a consultant (Lough Barnes) has been selected. Lough Barnes will begin their planning work in mid-April. This work is anticipated to be completed in July, 2017. Extensive key stakeholder consultations including patients/families, community members, partner agencies, municipal representatives, businesses, etcetera from East, West and Central Elgin are being planned. This work will be focused on drafting a proposal for a residential hospice model that will support Elgin County.
* St. Joseph’s Health Care Society has committed to fund the business plan.

**Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN)**

The OPCN has begun to look at capacity planning across the province. They have provided the 14 LHINS with information on the current state of palliative care service use across care settings by patients in their last year of life. The information shows analyses of health administrative database records generated during patients’ last year of life. It also reflects responses to the OPCN’s Regional Capacity Planning Survey, completed by the Regional Palliative Care Network Directors in collaboration with local health service providers. The information is organized by capacity planning goals based on priorities outlined in *Advancing High Quality, High Value Palliative Care in Ontario: A Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action* (The Declaration).The purpose of this work is to understand the current state, future needs and gaps in palliative care services in Ontario for those with a life limiting illness in their last year of life (end-of-life), receiving care in the community, home, long-term care, hospice and hospital settings.

Regards,

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