South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Activities**

Capacity planning at the local level was the focus of the September Collaborative meetings. The collaboratives compared the number of deaths by sector by county to the Provincial benchmarks recommended. Discussion took place as to how local improvements within sectors could provide a positive impact on the overall SWLHIN performance. Themes that surfaced for further discussion and feedback included

* Outreach to provide community support
* Expansion of Residential Hospice
* Education to improve expertise
* Reduction of deaths in hospitals
* Health Human Resources to support transition to community

The Collaboratives will continue to discuss capacity planning in October .Feedback and recommendations will be brought to the HPC Leadership Committee for review.

Position statements on physician assisted death were reviewed. The 5 Collaboratives were in support of the HPCO’s (Hospice Palliative Care Ontario) position statement and a formal recommendation will be brought forward to Leadership in October to adopt the position statement to the HPC Network website.

**HPC Regional Activities**

**HPC Data and Performance Working Group**

The Data and Performance Working Group finalized the draft dashboard and it was shared at

the Collaborative tables for discussion and feedback. The dashboard will go to the September 24th HPC Leadership Committee for approval.

**SWAHN HPC Working Group**

Dr. Kathryn Downer the National Director for Pallium Canada and Nathalie Gravelle the Program Manager at Pallium presented at the SWAHN HPC working group meeting in September to share the model and focus of the LEAP program and explore how it may fit in to the work of the group as they move forward identifying needs and gaps within health professional curriculums.

**Education Subcommittee**

The education assessment survey will be completed on September 18th. At this point we have seen an 11% response rate and a cross sector, variety of health care professionals have responded. A summary of the findings and briefing report will be provided to the HPC Leadership Committee in October. The strategic plan for education

Build has begun and the subcommittee will be expanding members in October to obtain more in depth information and feedback as the strategic plan is developed.