

Central East Local Health Integration Network

CEO Report to the Board

November 18th, 2008

The following is a compilation of some of the major events/ activities which have occurred over the last month:

2008 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review

The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, announced this month in the legislature his 2008 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. In his presentation Mr. Duncan stated that the government has estimated the economic growth to be 0.1 % compared to the 1.1 % forecast in the 2008 budget. Due to this change in the economy, the Ontario government is projecting a deficit of \$ 500 million for the fiscal year 2008-09. Due to this outlook there will be a delay in the implementation of some new spending that had previously been announced by the MOHLTC. The hiring of the 9,000 new nurses and establishment of additional Family Health Teams will be directly affected.

Effectiveness Review

The Ministry LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA) established the requirement for the Ministry and LHINs to evaluate their effectiveness in carrying out the transition and devolution of authority contemplated by the agreement. KPMG was engaged to carry out the evaluation and their final report has now been received. The recent refresh of the MLAA contains the obligation by the MOHLTC to develop an action plan to address the recommendations arising from the effectiveness review within 90 days of receiving the report. A retreat has been scheduled for the Ministry Management Committee (MMC) and the LHIN CEOs on December 1st and 2nd to develop the action plan for the recommendations relating to the LHINs and the MOHLTC.

Board to Board Engagement

The last of the Board to Board meetings was held in Peterborough on October 22nd. Attendees were generally in support of the terms of reference for the Board Collaborative and committed to meet in the New Year.

Clinical Services Plan (CSP)

The Clinical Services Plan Steering Committee met on October 27th and received reports from all the Task Groups. A progress report will be presented by Susan Plewes, Project Manager at the November 18th meeting of the Board. A CSP "Meet and Greet" is being planned for local government stakeholders, hospital leadership, LHIN leadership and the CSP Steering Committee on November 25th.

Annual Service Plan

Finalizing the draft Annual Service Plan (ASP) has been a major activity of the staff this month. The document is comprised of an Environmental Scan, Detailed Plans for the Local Health System, a Financial Summary for the LHIN, Planning for the LHIN Operations and Staffing, and Communication Plan. It was submitted to the MOHLTC by the October 31st deadline and is being presented for final approval by the Board the November 18th meeting. Comments received by members of the Board have been incorporated into the final draft.

CE LHIN Board of Director Vacancy

The advertisement for the Board of Director vacancy appeared across the CE LHIN in local papers on October 31st and November 1st. Application forms for the position are to be received by the November 30th deadline. The advertisement was posted on the CE LHIN web-site and shared with the CE LHIN Communications Network, Planning Partner Volunteers, Project Managers and Coordinators, Health Service Provider CEOs and Executive Directors.

Aging at Home Detailed Service Plan and 2009-10 Aging at Home/ER-ALC Overarching Plan

The Detailed Service Plan (DSP) is almost finalized. A DSP form must be completed for each initiative as well as an overarching 09/10 project schedule for all initiatives being funded in Year 2. A section has been added regarding whether the proposal is considered a direct, diversion, or preventive strategy to address ED wait times and/or ALC. The timelines for the submission for the DSP have been shifted from December 15, 2008 to January 30, 2009.

For December 15, 2008, each LHIN has been asked to submit a 2009-10 Aging at Home/ER-ALC Overarching Plan including the LHIN's overall strategy to address ED/ALC through Aging at Home and other initiatives such as CCAC service maximums, Urgent Priorities Funds, etc. Each LHIN will also be required to complete a inventory of the types of activities/programs that the LHIN has implemented or is proposing through the various initiatives in order to address ED wait times and/or ALC.

From January 6th to the 16th, each LHIN will present their Aging at Home/ER-ALC Overarching Plan to MOH/ALC-ED Leads. The LHIN's 07/08 Q4 %ALC Days performance compared to MLAA target (and the other initiatives that have been targeted to address ED wait times and/or ALC) will determine the percentage of aging at home funding that must be targeted towards Direct/Immediate, Diversion and Preventative initiatives. The larger the variance, the greater the percentage of funding that will be targeted to initiatives with a direct/immediate impact. Funding for 2009-10 proposals is anticipated to begin to flow June/July 2009. Details regarding the 2009-10 Aging at Home/ER-ALC Overarching Plan and the DSP as well as the draft templates have been provided to the Aging at Home Leads.

Health Professional Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the Health Professional Advisory Committee was held on October 30th. Time was spent orientating the committee members to the CE LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan, reviewing the status of LHIN activities and discussing potential questions for which the members would provide advice. The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in the New Year.

Ruling in the ONA v. Rouge Valley Health System Application for Judicial Review

On October 27th the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Divisional Court) released its judgement in the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) v. Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) judicial Review. The judgement was released following an application brought by ONA for judicial review of a decision by the RVHS Board of Directors on March 25th, 2008.

ONA's application challenged the nature of the board's decision which approved a plan for consolidation of the hospital's mental health program, and whether the board was required to hold a meeting of the hospital's Fiscal Advisory Committee (FAC) and receive its recommendations prior to approving the proposal. The application for judicial review was dismissed as the Court found that there was no statutory requirement for the hospital to obtain recommendations from, or consult with the FAC. Further, the Court ruled that the "internal decisions of the board of a not-for-profit corporation addressing serious budget problems (namely the consolidation of the mental health services in this case) are not statutory decisions and are not subject to the Court's review."

Community Annual Planning Submission (CAPS)

All but two Health Service Providers (HSPs) submitted their CAPS by the November 14th deadline. Staff illness prevented the remaining two from being submitted on time. The CE LHIN staff have been assigned to teams to review the documentation submitted. Population of the Multi-Sectoral Service Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) will take place between December 2008 and January 2009. Negotiation of the agreements will proceed through December 2008 to March 2009.

CE LHIN - Comings and Goings

Welcome to Paul Barker our new Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and Allocations. He started at the CE LHIN on Monday, October 27th. Welcome to Christine Laity and Christine Foster two temporary staff who are lending us a hand with administrative responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted by,

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