

Haliburton County/City of Kawartha Lakes Integration Planning Team Update – March 2013

Since January 31st, a group of Health Service Providers (HSPs) from Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes have been meeting as part of a facilitated integration process at the direction of the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

This is a ten-month process that will result in the development of a new DRAFT Service Delivery Model recommending how hospitals and community-based health services could be delivered in the future to improve client access to high-quality services, create readiness for future health system transformation and make the best use of the public's investment by identifying integration opportunities.

Local community residents, health care staff, volunteers, patients, clients, caregivers and local community leaders will be asked to review the DRAFT Service Delivery Model later on this year as part of the process. And it is expected that a DRAFT Service Delivery Model, that includes feedback from the community, would be presented to the Health Service Provider Boards in October and LHIN Board in December for any FINAL decisions.

To make sure that everyone is aware of what is being discussed at the Haliburton County/City of Kawartha Lakes Integration Planning Team (IPT) meetings, the group will be sharing a summary of their discussions each month. Please see below.

If you require more information or have any questions, please visit the Central East LHIN website – www.centraleastlhin.on.ca – and click on “Resource Documents – Integration.”

A web enabled *Frequently Asked Questions* form can be found at http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/report_display.aspx?id=26082 –or you contact any of the organizations involved in this process. Thank you for your interest and support.

MEETING DISCUSSION SUMMARY – KEY MESSAGES

January 31, 2013

- The Haliburton County/City of Kawartha Lakes Integration Planning Team (IPT) held its first meeting to confirm the team membership, time frames and the proposed goal for the process.
- The IPT finalized the Terms of Reference and Principles document that is now being signed by members' organizations and/or boards.
- Based on feedback that was provided during the earlier Haliburton County-only process, the IPT will be looking to develop a list of options that could be considered. This will include looking at best practices from other jurisdictions that could inform the team's planning
- The IPT started to discuss initiatives that could be included in any Small Rural Northern Hospital Transformation Fund submission to the MOHLTC.

February 14, 2013

- Discussed the need for transparency and open communication and agreed upon a shared messages strategy.
- Agreed to start identifying opportunities for integration as they arise during the discussion
- Finalized target project timelines

February 21, 2013

- Confirmed the process for recruiting someone to support a literature review on Rural Health Hubs
- Agreed to use Transformation Funds to bring on resources to identify operational integration opportunities between the hospitals
- Continuing to share information on each of the IPT organizations to begin to identify integration opportunities

February 28, 2013

- Finalized the process for the literature review RFS including potential invitees and the evaluation criteria
- Completed HSP presentations
- Defined the parameters of phase 1 of the operational review for the hospitals