

To: CE LHIN Stakeholders
From: James Meloche, Senior Director, Planning, Integration, Community Engagement, CE LHIN
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Re: Aging at Home Strategy – Call for Health System Improvement Pre Proposals (H-SIP)

As you may be aware, on August 28, 2007, the Provincial Aging at Home Strategy was announced. This Strategy will, over a three year period, result in a landmark investment of over \$700M into community health care supports and services in Ontario to enable seniors to live healthy, independent lives in their own homes. In the Central East LHIN, the next three years will see an overall increase of \$20M in base funding for community supports to seniors.

The Central East LHIN identified *seamless care for seniors* as a priority very early on in the LHIN's processes and throughout the community engagement processes of 2006, LHIN Board members and staff heard many a story about "If only we had *this or that* service in the community (or more of it), we could make such a difference to so many more people." This significant investment now gives us all the collective chance to make a difference!

Here is how you can get involved.

Call for Proposals Process

By February 29, 2008, every LHIN in the province is required to develop a "*Detailed Service Plan*" to support the Aging at Home Strategy. This Plan will indicate specifics on how the first year's funding will be allocated, by service type and quantity. The Central East LHIN is embarking on a process that will assist the Board in allocating the Aging at Home funds in a transparent, fair and accountable fashion.

To this end, this letter serves as notification of a formal Central East LHIN Call for Proposals for the Aging at Home Strategy.

The purpose of this *Call* is to ensure that all stakeholders have an equal opportunity to put forth ideas concerning **innovations** (in particular here, is an opportunity to explore broader and **more creative community partnerships**) for the Strategy, and then more specifically to identify what service details, capacity, etc. they would see their agency or organization being able to contribute to the Strategy.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal please go to the Central East LHIN website and visit the Resource Documents/Planning Page/Aging at Home – Call for Proposals page, <http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/getinvolved.aspx?id=3924>.

Here you will find:

- **An Aging at Home Backgrounder document**
- **Q's & A's on the Aging at Home Strategy and Central East LHIN Call for Proposals**
- **A form to complete called a Aging at Home Health System Improvement Pre-Proposal or Aging at Home H-SIP**
- **DRAFT Seamless Care for Seniors Planning Framework**
- **Central East LHIN Decision Making Framework**

Focus of the Call for Proposals

In completing the H-SIP, it will be important to identify how the proposed improvement/contribution:

- **Aligns with the Central East Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP)**
- **Emphasizes collaboration with other community partners including those who may not usually be approached/involved e.g. grassroots groups**
- **Illustrates innovation (including innovation related to prevention and wellness)**
- **Benefits the individual, family and community**
- **Promotes healthcare sustainability**

In addition staff and Planning Partner volunteers have been utilizing a Project Management methodology as they have been developing Project Charters for a number of LHIN priority areas identified in the Integrated Health Service Plan.

Consistent with the Central East LHIN's goals of developing a seamless system of care and supports for seniors, three project charters that align with the Aging at Home Strategy were already under development prior to the Strategy being announced. These charters are located in the Resource Documents/Integration section of the website -

<http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/Page.aspx?id=96&ekmensele=e2f22c9a72206963> – and include:

- ***Supportive Housing***
- ***Community Support Services Review***
- ***Caregiver Supports***

It is for this reason that this Call for Proposals is targeted to ideas that demonstrate an impact on at least one of these three areas.

This is not to say that you should not submit ideas that lie outside these charters. Once the first year of funding has been allocated, planning for second and third years of the Strategy (which is the bulk of the funding) will continue, with an emphasis on the many other action items identified in the IHSP that relate to and support aging at home.

Timelines for Submission of Proposals

Stakeholders who, since April 1, 2007, have already submitted H-SIP proposals related to *Aging at Home*, need not re-submit unless upon receiving this *Call*, there is a desire to change/augment the previous proposal. If you choose to resubmit, please indicate clearly on the new proposal that it indeed is a resubmission so that the previous proposal can be pulled.

Submissions provided to the LHIN prior to April 1, 2007 should be re-submitted.

Relevant proposals will go through a review process which is outlined in some detail in the *Background document* noted above.

For a response to be considered for the first year of funding, it must be received at the **LHIN Office in Ajax by end of day Thursday January 17th, 2008.**

Please e-mail completed forms to:

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It is recognized that this is an extremely tight timeline for stakeholders to respond to especially given the holiday season. We do hope that stakeholders are able to put some creative thought into what they could bring in collaboration with other stakeholders to the Strategy, and make a submission as best they can under the circumstances. As noted in the *Questions and Answers*, we have anticipated some of the hurdles that might get in the way of you completing a proposal and provided some solutions.

For further information

If you have any questions regarding this process and how you can participate please do not hesitate to contact Scott Macpherson, Integration Consultant for the Aging at Home Strategy at the scott.macpherson@lhins.on.ca or 905.427.5497, 1.866.804.5446, ext. 210.

We look forward to receiving your great ideas and working together to make them happen.