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CENTRAL EAST LHIN PROVIDES FUNDING FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES
Locally developed Priority Projects will make a difference

Local health care service providers and community residents are seeing their hard work pay off after the Board of Directors of the Central East LHIN recently allocated over \$2 million in funding for new projects focused on Mental Health and Addictions, Chronic Disease Prevention and Management, and Seamless Care for Seniors.

The funding, which was provided through the province's "LHINs' Urgent Priorities Fund" allows each Local Health Integration Network to address local priorities and fund opportunities that will improve the provision of services (new or existing) and support activities that focus on improving access, equity, healthy outcomes, quality of care and efficiency.

In the Central East LHIN this includes projects focused on Supportive Housing; Diabetes Best Practices; Disordered Eating; Rural Transportation; Early Intervention for Youth with Mental Health and Addiction Needs; Chronic Kidney Disease Prevention and Outreach; Self Management Training for Persons with Chronic Disease; Timely Information Exchange with Primary Care Providers; Rehabilitation Services; and Culture Diversity and Equity.

The projects are the result of months of work by teams of committed volunteers from across the Central East LHIN region, who are moving forward in implementing elements of the Central East LHIN's first Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP).

"This process started in the spring of 2006 when we asked people from across the LHIN to work with us to develop a health care system that met their needs," said James Meloche, Senior Director, Planning Integration and Community Engagement, CE LHIN. "What we are seeing now are strategic investments responding to the needs across all of our diverse communities."

"At the same time, these projects signal our LHIN community's growing confidence to improve the access, quality, equity and seamlessness of our health care system," continued Meloche.

"We're delighted that so many people joined our Planning Partner teams and worked together to develop these projects," said Foster Loucks, Chair of the Central East LHIN Board of Directors. "Through their collaborative spirit, dedication and integrated behaviour they have laid the foundation to achieving our shared vision of engaged communities, healthy communities."

For more information on the Priority Projects, please visit the Resource Documents/Integration pages of the Central East LHIN website – www.centraleastlhin.on.ca.

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The Central East LHIN is one of 14 not-for-profit organizations, created by the provincial government to be responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services - hospitals, long term care facilities, community care access centres, community health centres, community support services and mental health and addictions agencies.

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