



LOCAL AGENCIES LOOKING FOR INTEGRATION OPPORTUNITIES Improved access and sustainability focus of discussions

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Two groups of community-based health service providers –in Scarborough and Peterborough City and County – are moving forward with evaluating possible integration options after the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) Board approved their respective directional plans.

The Integration Planning Teams (IPTs) include Community Support Services (CSS) and Community Health Centres (CHC) organizations that deliver local hospice and palliative care services, supportive housing and assisted living, community-based primary care in Scarborough, Meals on Wheels, transportation services, counseling services, adult day programs and other important community-based services in the two different communities.

Collectively, across the Central East LHIN, CSS and CHC services represent a significant proportion of community (in-home or clinic based) services and primary health care available to support people to live at home independently.

Developed in partnership with representatives from each of the organizations' boards at local governance strategy sessions in October and November, the two directional plans outline the goals of the facilitated integration processes, timelines and key activities and possible integration options explored at the local strategy sessions and then reviewed by the full boards of each organization.

Based on the board approvals received in late November and December, the two IPTs are now evaluating each of the options to develop possible DRAFT Service Delivery Models that could include new ways of delivering local community-based health services in both Scarborough and Peterborough City and County.

With an identified commitment to engage their local stakeholders – clients and their caregivers, front line staff, volunteers, local elected officials, other health service providers and community residents – the IPTs will be asking their stakeholders to provide their feedback on any possible DRAFT Service Delivery Models in the coming months as the two separate facilitated integration processes continue.

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“In all of our cities, towns, villages and hamlets, our goal is to help Central East LHIN residents spend more time in their homes and their communities,” said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN. “This requires shared planning, engagement and innovative collaboration to look at new ways of delivering health services. Our health care providers and their governors understand that we need to ensure that a sustainable health care system provides high quality services that make the best use of the public’s investment.”

“With the LHIN supporting and facilitating the local conversations in Scarborough and Peterborough City and County, possible new ways of delivering integrated services can be identified that will maintain access and ensure that the local organizations are strong enough to meet the increasing need for community-based services that allow people to continue to live in their own homes.”

QUICK FACTS

- On February 22, 2012, the Central East LHIN Board of Directors approved a Community Health Services (CHS) Integration Strategy to address demographic pressures, adjust to changing expectations of patients and families and to meet provincial expectations on improving access, quality and value for money/investment.
- In April 2012, the first phase of the LHIN’s facilitated CHS integration strategy started with 10 CSS and CHC organizations in the [Durham Cluster](#). The strategy has since been rolled out in [Haliburton County](#), [the City of Kawartha Lakes](#) and [Northumberland County](#).

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To learn more about these processes, please visit the Central East LHIN website – www.centraleastlhin.on.ca and click on [COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INTEGRATION STRATEGY - SCARBOROUGH CLUSTER](#) and [COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INTEGRATION STRATEGY - NORTH EAST CLUSTER - PETERBOROUGH CITY AND COUNTY](#).

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