



LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONTINUE INTEGRATION WORK Literature review of regional rural health models highlights innovation and inventiveness

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Integration Planning Teams, in both Haliburton County/City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County, are continuing to meet on a weekly basis as part of a facilitated integration process to design new models for how acute care and community-based health services could be better provided to people living in their local communities. The two planning teams, which began meeting in their respective communities in January, include representatives from local hospitals, community health centres and support service agencies.

Recently the two teams commissioned a literature review to document the evidence base on regional rural health service delivery models, particularly in rural and small urban communities. The teams were looking for evidence that supported their work, specifically that integration-type activities improve client access to high-quality services, create readiness for future health system transformation, and make the best use of the public's investment.

The literature review is now posted on the Central East Local Health Integration Network website along with a bibliography, comparative analysis and research notes.

The teams are using the literature review and other resources as references as they develop some initial DRAFT models, looking at possible leadership and governance, front line service delivery and back-office integrations, which they are currently sharing with their boards and other health service partners. The goal of each of the Integration Planning Teams is to share the DRAFT models with the broader community in September for feedback and input before their respective boards consider any FINAL models in October.

QUICK FACTS

- Membership on the Haliburton County/City of Kawartha Lakes Integration Planning Team includes Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes and CHC, Community Care Haliburton County, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Ross Memorial Hospital, Supportive Initiatives for Residents in the County of Haliburton (SIRCH Community Services) and Victorian Order of Nurses – Ontario Branch, Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton

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- Membership on the Northumberland County Integration Planning Team includes Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Campbellford Memorial Multicare Lodge, Community Care Northumberland, Branch 133 Legion Village, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Port Hope Community Health Centre and Victorian Order of Nurses – Ontario Branch, Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward County

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To access a copy of the literature review and monthly updates from the Integration Planning Teams, please visit the Central East LHIN website – www.centraleastlhin.on.ca – and click on [“Resource Documents – Integration – Community Health Services Integration – Community Health Services Integration Strategy – North East Cluster.”](#)

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