



### **INTEGRATION PLAN FOR DURHAM COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES** Boards from the ten organizations will review and make decisions in February and March

#### **NEWS**

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After ten months of almost weekly meetings, two rounds of public engagement and facilitated information sharing on current service delivery models and integration opportunities, a “Community Health Services Integration – Durham Cluster, Group 1 Integration Plan” is now moving forward for review and decision making by 10 organizations currently delivering community health services in Durham Region.

Input received from stakeholders was very important throughout the facilitated integration process as the team worked to develop a Plan that would help support the sustainability of services for the Durham Cluster, expand access to services and prepare the community health services sector for future health system transformation.

Moving forward with the Integration Plan could result in approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 in savings each year that could be reinvested into community health services. This could allow the LHIN to fund agencies to deliver over 37,000 more Meals on Wheels, provide foot care for another 2,709 Durham residents or provide supportive housing services for another 24 seniors.

The 187-page Plan includes information on how the facilitated integration process began, a profile of the Durham Cluster, the current state of community health services, an outline of how integration opportunities were identified, a high level analysis of the options, the proposed DRAFT Integrated Service Delivery Model and information on proposed transition planning and implementation.

As was stated earlier in January of this year, when the DRAFT Model was shared with the community for feedback, one of the key elements of the DRAFT model is that community health services such as foot care, hospice services, congregate dining, volunteer visiting, supportive housing or programs and services offered by Community Health Centres, many of which are delivered by more than one agency, will continue to be provided to existing clients in existing communities and facilities.

But in some cases the organizations who deliver those services may change as the DRAFT Model proposes that some community health service agencies merge, some services be transferred from one agency to another and that some agencies create strengthened partnerships or strategic alliances, particularly in the northern part of Durham Region.

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The Integration Plan will now be voted on by each of the organization's Boards of Directors in February and March before coming to the Central East LHIN Board on March 27, 2013.

### QUICK FACTS

- The 10 organizations participating in the Community Health Services facilitated integration process include Brock Community Health Centre; The Youth Centre (The Barbara Black Centre for Youth Resources); Oshawa Community Health Centre; Community Care Durham; Faith Place Support Services; Sunrise Seniors Place; The Regional Municipality of Durham, Social Services Department (Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors); Durham Hospice; Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre and VON Canada, Ontario Branch, Durham Region Site.
- The development of a new Integrated Service Delivery Model for community health services in Durham Region is part of a larger Community Health Services (CHS) Integration Strategy initiated by the Board of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) in early 2012.
- Aligned with the LHIN's strategic focus on "Community First," the CHS Integration Strategy will help the LHIN deliver on its goal of helping Central East LHIN residents spend more time in their homes and their communities.

### LEARN MORE

To download a copy of the Integration Plan, please visit the Central East LHIN website – [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) – and click on "Resource Documents – Integration – Community Health Services Integration – Durham Cluster or click [HERE](#)."

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