



Health Service Provider Edition

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Expo awards honour our own

Health Care Expo 2007 was held May 24th in Toronto and showcased innovative solutions and projects that support the healthcare system in Ontario. More than 200 exhibitors and workshop leaders promoted important healthcare issues such as: health promotion, improving patient quality and safety and innovations in health human resources. The expo presented an opportunity to learn about new programs and approaches that are making the healthcare system better across Ontario. The Erie St. Clair LHIN is proud to have a project recognized as an award finalist.

Leamington District Memorial Hospital, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance and Ontario Telemedicine Network were award finalists in the category of Innovations in Health Information Management for The Virtual Psychiatric Emergency Room

where assessed patients admitted to the Emergency Room in Leamington are connected via telemedicine to the mental health staff at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

LHIN Chief Executive Officer, Gary Switzer, congratulated the finalists by saying “The project is an excellent example of partnership and collaboration that will ultimately benefit the residents of the Erie St. Clair LHIN”.

This innovation results in quicker diagnosis and equitable access to mental healthcare. By partnering to use the human resource expertise available at a larger hospital, excellent mental healthcare remains



Health Minister George Smitherman, Paula Reaume-Zimmer (CKHA), Barb Tiessen (LDMH) and Janice Dawson (LDMH)

accessible for everyone.

Congratulations to Leamington District Memorial Hospital, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance and Ontario Telemedicine Network for their excellent work.

IHSP Planning Teams come together

Three planning teams, comprised of community stakeholder and healthcare professionals from Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton, have met this summer in the first stages of implementing the LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan. The three

groups are the ER/Medicine Advisory Network, Chronic Disease Management Leadership Team and Diabetes Project Team, with plans for more teams to launch this fall.

With their mandates linked to the Integrated Health Service Plan

(IHSP), the groups will be working to implement the plan's three year vision focusing on the Strategic Integration Directions and other best practices and efficiencies.

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The teams are modeled from the same philosophy as the IHSP and LHIN mandate, that healthcare is best planned, coordinated and funded in an integrated manner at the community level.

Planning Team Structure

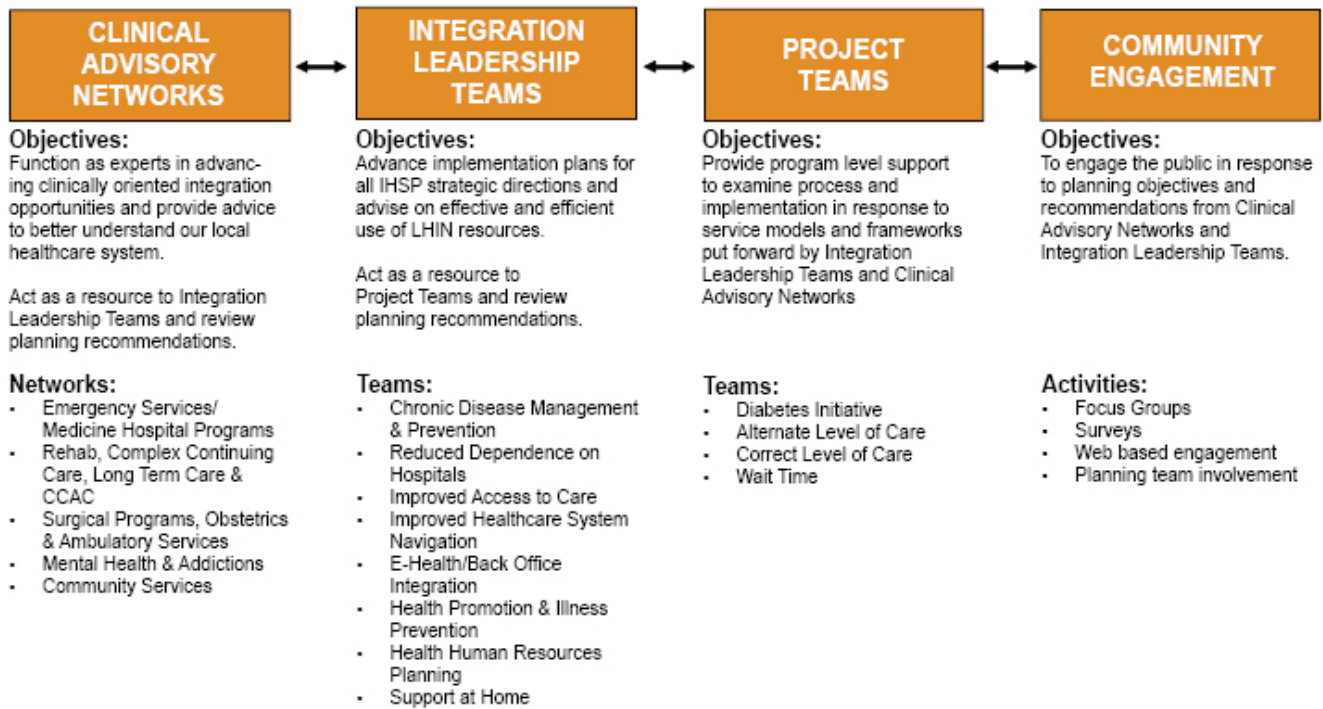
The planning teams' structure adopted by the LHIN will see the formation of teams from three levels: Clinical Advisory Networks,

Integration Leadership Teams and Project Teams. Community engagement will also be included as a component of the structure. In this stage, residents of Erie St. Clair will be a sounding board for plans developed by the groups or consulted for various topics.

The planning team structure provides checks-and-balances with each level supporting each

other's planning initiatives in a unique way: 1) advising to provide a system-wide context 2) providing leadership in developing plans to achieve goals laid out through the Strategic Integrated Directions or 3) spearheading specific projects at the clinical level of our healthcare system. Local healthcare professionals and stakeholders will account for membership in each of the teams.

Planning Team Model



Linking our health system improvements with new pre-proposal

The Erie St. Clair LHIN has recently introduced the Health System Improvement Pre-Proposal (H-SIP) Form. The new pre-proposal process will be a critical link to connecting future business cases and health system improvements to the Integrated Health Service Plan.

Health System Improvements are the proposed additions or enhancement to programs offered by health service providers to better the access and care provided to health consumers. The H-SIP process has been

developed collectively by Ontario LHINs to facilitate and standardize the way health system improvement requests are submitted to the LHINs. By offering a standardized process, we will create time and cost efficiencies for the agencies delivering care in Erie St. Clair.

The H-SIP Form will be used to summarize information pertaining to a potential business case with an emphasis on how the plan will tie into the strategic integration directions of the Erie St. Clair LHIN.

Once submitted for pre-approval, the LHIN will review the proposal and confirm the need for a full and complete business case submission if required. The form will be available for submission using the on-line tools located at www.eriesclairhlin.on.ca (under the Health System Improvement button) and WERS (Web Enabled Reporting System).

To assist health service providers in submitting an H-SIP the following

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Newsreel

Health System Monitoring Report Survey

An on-line survey to obtain data on the usage of the Health System Monitoring Report has been sent by e-mail to healthcare stakeholders in Erie St. Clair. The survey has also been made available on the LHINs web site at www.eriestclairlhin.on.ca.

The survey will be used to capture the current use and future data needs of healthcare providers and planners in anticipation of the December refresh of the Health System Monitoring Report. The survey will be posted until September 7th.

Budget Submission Letters

Budget submission letters were sent to Community Support Service and Mental Health & Addictions agencies in July. The letters detail the target funding for fiscal 2007/08 and request the submission of an abbreviated budget upon 60 days of receiving the notification.

Upon reviewing the budget submissions, the LHIN will provide approval with a follow up letter and a sign-back agreement. Questions regarding budget submission or funding should be directed to Anthony Sirizzotti by e-mail at anthony.sirizzotti@lhins.on.ca or call ext 218.

The Connection Newsletter Schedule

With summer coming to a close the LHIN will resume a regular production and distribution schedule of *The Connection* newsletter. Between September and May *The Connection* will be produced on a bi-monthly basis.

The Connection is distributed by e-mail to all health service providers and posted to www.eriestclairlhin.on.ca

Linking our health system, continued...

tools and resources have been made available for download on the LHIN web site:

- Health System Improvement Pre-Proposal Guidelines
- Q&A Fact Sheet
- sample H-SIP Form (Microsoft Word format)

Some things to consider when preparing your H-SIP:

1. The LHIN IHSP priorities supported by the proposed improvement
2. The extent of consultation with other health service providers and community partners across the LHIN
3. The extent to which the proposed

improvement results in one or all of the following:

- improve population health
 - better integration across the health system
 - sustainable quality improvements in care
 - improved patient safety
 - reduction in barriers to care
 - significant increases in efficiencies
4. Resource requirements
 5. Financial feasibility

If you have any questions about the H-SIP form or process please contact MaryAnn Stirling by e-mail at maryann.stirling@lhins.on.ca or call ext 208.



Walking a mile in your shoes

October 24th will be a day for the LHIN to *walk a mile in your shoes*. The staff of the Erie St. Clair LHIN are planning to spend a day as job shadows experiencing the day-to-day life of health service providers in our region. The event is designed to build awareness of the people, places and organizations that make up our local healthcare system, as well as lend a helping hand.

The LHIN is putting out the call to health service providers interested in participating in this event and hosting LHIN staff. Those interested should contact Gaby Rojo by e-mail at gaby.rojo@lhins.on.ca or call ext. 215.



Title: Point Pelee Marsh By: Benita Van Haaren, Forest, ON

Our Vision

A healthcare system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care to them when they are sick and will be there for their children and grandchildren.

Coming Events

August 14th

Diabetes Project Team Meeting

August 16th

Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Integration Leadership Team Meeting

August 30th

Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Project Team Meeting

September 5th

Emergency Services/ Medicine Hospital Programs Clinical Advisory Network Meeting

September 11th

Diabetes Project Team Meeting

September 12th

Correct Level of Care Committee Meeting
Wait Time Steering Committee Meeting

September 13th

Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Project Team Meeting

September 25th

LHIN Open Board of Directors Meeting

September 27th

Alternate Level of Care Committee Meeting



Brad Keeler is a Data Analyst with the Erie St. Clair LHIN, providing decision support and working with Health Service Providers to implement e-Health strategies.

2006 Census

In mid-July, Statistics Canada released single year ages and sex information by Census SubDivision. Over the next year more data will be made available, including the release of marital status, family and household characteristics and housing costs data this coming September.

So, what has been happening in Erie St. Clair? The tables below show the population by age group as well as percentage change for each age group between 2001 and 2006.

2006 Census Population by Planning Area by Age Group*

Age Group	Chatham-Kent	Windsor Essex	Sarnia Lambton	Erie St Clair LHIN
0-14	19,805	74,945	21,690	116,440
15-44	41,240	165,915	46,860	254,015
45-64	30,275	100,095	37,980	168,350
65-74	8,870	27,175	11,150	47,195
75-84	6,305	19,295	7,950	33,550
85+	2,085	5,990	2,555	10,630
All Ages	108,580	393,415	128,185	630,180

*Statistics Canada 2006 Census, 17 Jul 2007

2001 to 2006 Census Population Change by Planning Area by Age Group*

Age Group	Chatham-Kent	Windsor Essex	Sarnia Lambton	Erie St Clair LHIN	Ontario
0-14	-7%	-1%	-10%	-4%	-1%
15-44	-7%	0%	-6%	-3%	2%
45-64	17%	18%	15%	17%	19%
65-74	4%	3%	0%	3%	6%
75-84	9%	15%	14%	14%	17%
85+	11%	22%	31%	21%	28%
All Ages	1%	5%	1%	3%	7%

*Statistics Canada 2006 Census, 17 Jul 2007

As you can see, the population of Windsor-Essex grew the most at 5%, while Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton each grew by 1%. However, the population of Ontario grew faster at 7%. Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton had very large declines in children (-7% and -10%) as well as declines in the young adult age group. For Erie St. Clair, then, there is a decline in young adults as well. At the other end of the age range, we see very different percentage changes for seniors 75-84 and 85 years and older in each of the three planning areas. Sarnia-Lambton had a 31% increase in persons 85+ in just five years. However, compared to Ontario, the Erie St. Clair LHIN is showing lower growths in the elderly.

The "bottom line", we are seeing a reduction in children and young adults, an increase in the numbers of elderly, but overall we are growing less than the province as a whole.

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