

South West LHIN Board Highlights – February 18, 2014 Meeting

The South West LHIN Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Strathroy-Caradoc Municipal Building in Strathroy with four members of the public in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Meeting Highlights

- The board was provided with an overview on the progress of Access to Care initiative. Access to Care as an approach focused on supporting people, specifically seniors and adults with complex needs, in their homes for as long as possible, with community supports. Access to Care includes:
 - Home First and Senior Friendly Hospitals – enables patients with complex needs to safely return home from hospital with community supports
 - Assisted Living, Supportive Housing, and Adult Day Programs – provides services for people with complex needs to remain at home
 - Complex Continuing Care and Rehabilitation – realignment of these specialized hospital beds and resources to ensure equal access throughout the LHIN

These programs continue to be implemented throughout the LHIN. Sustainability planning to further entrench and maintain the programs is also underway.

- The board approved the 2014-15 draft Annual Business Plan for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The plan includes an update on the progress in advancing the Integrated Health Service Plan 2013-16. The MOHLTC will provide feedback and, following government budget announcements expected in April, the LHIN will submit its final Annual Business Plan in June.
- The board approved \$829,286 in funding to transition long stay mental health and addictions clients to safe and secure placements as part of the final phase of mental health divestment.
- The board was provided with an update on the Local Health System Integration Act (LHSIA) review currently underway. The Standing Committee on Social Policy is reviewing the legislation and has concluded nine public hearings throughout Ontario including one in London on January 29th, 2014.
- The board was provided with information on the funding to implement Access to Care initiatives from 2011-14 as well as requirements for 2014-15 sustainability of the initiatives.
- The board was provided with a presentation on the Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA) tool which included a demonstration of why and how the Ontario HEIA tool works and discussion of its use with health service providers.

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- The board was provided with an update on the LHIN's framework for assessing 'Value for Money'. The framework will facilitate the preparation of reports to the board on programs or initiatives identifying the value for the investment.
- The board was provided with a proposed approach to Risk Management reporting including identifying, analyzing and responding to risk.
- The board was provided with an update on the pending closure of a family physician clinic in Markdale. The South West LHIN is working with partners to develop a proposal for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for actions and next steps.
- The board appointed board director Wilf Riecker to the Governance and Nominations committee.

Full Board of Director agenda packages are posted on the South West LHIN website at southwestlhin.on.ca/agenda

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
St. Joseph's Health Care, London

Followed by:

Board-to-Board Engagement Session, 6-7pm
Public Information Session, 7:15-8:30pm

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



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The South West LHIN is accountable for bringing people and organizations together to build a health system that balances quality, access and sustainability to achieve better health outcomes.