

South West LHIN Board of Directors Board Meeting Highlights – November 15, 2016

The South West LHIN Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Trillium Mutual Insurance Company in Listowel. There were 4 members of the public, which included health service providers, in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Meeting Highlights:

- The Board was welcomed by Mary Atkinson, Executive Director with the North Perth Family Health Team, who provided an overview on how the Huron Perth Health Link is working toward sustainability and spread for the Health Link approach to care.
- The Board allocated one-time funding in 2016/17 for the Assess and Restore Project work (year 3). Following the 2014 release of the Assess and Restore Guideline, all LHINs received one-time funding reoccurring over a three-year period beginning in 2014/15 to support implementing the guideline. The South West LHIN's allocation was: \$98,000 in 2014/15, \$874,000 in 2015/16, and \$874,000 in 2016/17. This funding is targeted towards frail seniors with the aim of extending the functional independence of community-dwelling frail seniors and other persons for as long as possible. It is composed of five elements: screening, assessment, navigation and placement, care delivery and transitions home.
- The Board endorsed Part A of London Health Sciences Centre's pre-capital submission to expand the stem cell transplant unit at Victoria Hospital. Based on Cancer Care Ontario's projections, the hospital must expand its transplant program to approximately 100-120 transplants each year. The LHIN will now forward a letter to the ministry with written rationale and advice regarding the submission.
- The Board approved an additional \$364,500 in one-time funding for 2016/17 to implement the Health Links approach to care. In May 2016, the Board approved \$955,000 out of a total of \$1.1M expected to be available in 2016/17 to continue to support Health Links. The unallocated dollars as well as the difference in the total confirmed allocation were brought to the Board for approval. A Health Link is a local partnership of health care providers and social services organizations that connect to improve support for those people living in their community with the greatest care needs
- The Board was provided with a brief overview on the historic relationship between Saugeen First Nation and the South West LHIN within the context of Aboriginal engagement and health planning in the South West LHIN.
- The Board received an update on the LHIN's peer support strategy and work underway to create a connected, seamless systems that provides consistent and equitable peer support built on promising practices across the South West LHIN.

- The Board received an update on ongoing planning to increase residential hospice capacity in the LHIN.
- The Board was provided with an update on implementation planning and next steps related to the proposed *Patients First Act*.

Full Board of Director agenda packages are posted on the South West LHIN website at <http://www.southwestlhin.on.ca/boardandgovernance/BoardMeetings.aspx>

The Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, December 13, 2016, South West LHIN, 201 Queens Avenue, Suite 700, London

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