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Trenton Memorial Hospital Implementation Task Force Holds First Meeting

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The Trenton Memorial Hospital Implementation Task Force held its first meeting today with an aim of identifying next steps in the process of creating an integrated, sustainable, local system of care in the Quinte West area. The Task Force was created by the South East Local Health Integration Network to address recommendations made in a recent report by the Brighton-Quinte West Health Services Advisory Committee, chaired by Glen Rainbird.

The Task Force aims to identify opportunities related to implementing the recommendations of the Rainbird Report. These recommendations suggest a co-location model, which envisions several medical, health, and social services located at the Trenton Memorial Hospital Site.

At today's meeting, Terms of Reference were finalized, and it was decided that the group will be chaired by Marsha Stephen – Executive Director of the Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre. Membership will be comprised of representatives of organizations currently providing health care services to the Quinte West/Brighton region, including: the South East Community Care Access Centre, the Belleville/Quinte West Community Health Centre, the Brighton/Quinte West Family Health Team, the Victorian Order of Nurses, Addictions and Mental Health Services – Hastings Prince Edward, and Quinte Health Care. The Task Force will also include two community representatives; Betty Clost – Co-Chair of OurTMH, and Phil Wild – Chair of the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The group will meet regularly to develop a report that will address the benefits, challenges, and opportunities available through a co-location model, with a specific focus of implementing recommendations to co-locate different services at the hospital site. The group will meet again on January 21, and the report is expected in the spring of 2016.

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"We are pleased to officially launch the Task Force and continue working with community representatives to act on the recommendations of the Rainbird report, which align with our long term vision for a sustainable model of care in the Quinte West area. The Task Force has been established with an end goal of implementing a co-location of services at the Trenton Memorial Hospital Site."

-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

"The Task Force has been given a tremendous opportunity to provide input into the future of healthcare in the Quinte West area. By working together, this group can identify opportunities to make long term improvements in the way care is delivered locally."

-Marsha Stephen, Chair of Trenton Memorial Hospital Implementation Task Force

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