

Further Planning towards Regional and Area Addictions and Mental Health Service Organizations

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On February 24, the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors, having heard from our clients/patients and front line clinicians, agreed to move forward towards improving the provision of a high quality, accessible addictions and mental health system of care.

This next phase of planning for the Addictions Mental Health Redesign (AMH) in the South East is a collaborative process that will enable stakeholder participation and engagement through committees focusing on clinical services, financial costs, and governance structures.

The preferred platform envisions an option where area organizations offering a common basket of services across the South East work in concert with regional AMH supports.

This model was developed in support of the Ideal Client Journey, a collaborative creation that originated from engagement sessions organized with clients/patients and care providers throughout the region and validated through a further engagement session attended by over 180 of those mentioned.

The South East LHIN Board, recognizing the value, ownership and pride that local agencies have in their organizations and following the review of the extensive community engagement, directed South East LHIN staff to continue planning and engaging with the community to explore the implications of the preferred option. Further decisions on the planning processes will be brought back to the board on March 31.

The vision of the AMH redesign project is “to ensure patients receive the right care at the right time, enhance capacity of providers and the system, and reduce stigma.” This vision aligns well with the South East LHIN vision that also seeks to enhance the capacity of providers within an integrated, regional system and is part of the implementation of the South East LHIN’s IHSP3, *Better Integration, Better Health Care* and aligns with Ontario’s Action Plan for Health Care.

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“The South East LHIN's Board of Director's decision to move forward with further planning is based on the need to better understand the new regional and area structures and the impact on the agencies and the care that they provide to their communities.”

- Donna Segal, South East LHIN Board Chair

QUICK FACTS

- The Redesign of Addictions and Mental Health Services began in April 2013
- Launch of the Redesign occurred in June of 2013 at a ‘Visioning Day’ attended by more than 180 Addictions and Mental Health service and community providers including; judicial, municipal, first response workers, and clients

- The Redesign Task Force concluded its involvement as advisor to the Redesign phase of the initiative in November 2013
- The proposed new design is targeted for fiscal 2015/16
- The Board has received continual feedback over the last nine months and was regularly informed by the Redesign Task Force, the Expert Panel, stakeholder feedback engagement sessions and board-to-board discussions

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