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Hospice Palliative Care Provincial Steering Committee Update 3

HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 11/20/2013

- The Hospice Palliative Care Provincial Steering Committee surveyed its members, LHINs and the Coalition regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Declaration of Partnership. As a result of this survey, five priorities were identified by survey respondents:
    - Ensure early identification and access to supports and care options for palliative patients,
    - Provincial level policy guidance and direction,
    - Create effective planning and measurement tools to ensure needs-based resource allocation and optimal utilization,
    - Consistent and standard education and competency requirements for all levels of care provision (primary, secondary and tertiary) across care settings, and
    - Physician engagement for palliative care.

  Details on how the Steering Committee will further advance these priorities will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

- The Hospice Palliative Care Provincial Steering Committee has established a Clinical Council to provide input to the Steering Committee for the clinical improvement of hospice palliative care in Ontario and to support the advancement of high quality and patient-centred hospice palliative care. The postings for the LHIN Provincial Lead for Hospice Palliative Care & Chair of the Clinical Council, and the Clinical Council membership have been announced. Both postings are available at Longwoods.com.

- The Hospice Palliative Care Provincial Steering Committee has connected with The Way Forward, a national project that provides a roadmap to advance high-quality palliative care across Canada. Members have acknowledged that the Steering Committee's goal is aligned with the objectives of The Way Forward Project.

- A redesigned version of the *Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action* can be accessed on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at:

  English: http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ltc/docs/palliative%20care_report.pdf
  French: http://health.gov.on.ca/fr/public/programs/ltc/docs/palliative%20care_report_fr.pdf

  The Steering Committee thanks those individuals and organizations in the palliative sector who partnered together to contribute to the development of the Declaration, and those who are currently implementing recommended actions.

- The Data and Performance Working Group pointed out that they have completed the environmental scan for the indicators. Around 700 indicators have been collected and are being classified.

- The working group on Residential Hospices held its first meeting in December 2013 and is working to provide analysis and input to the ministry, the LHINs, and the Coalition through the Steering Committee to inform the ministry's development of community-based residential hospice policy; LHIN integration and service options in the future; and sector implementation of best practice delivery aligned with Ontario's *Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action.* .

"Cancer Care Ontario is enthusiastically supporting this consolidated and coordinated plan to improve Palliative Care in Ontario."

Michael Sherar,
Chief Executive Officer,
Cancer Care Ontario

- QUESTIONS?

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