

Toronto Dementia Network

Minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Steering Committee, June 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.
Room H483, Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave, Toronto

Present:

Dr. Barbara Liu (Co-chair)	Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto
Françoise Hébert (Co-chair)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Stacey Daub	Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre
Amanda Falotico	Providence Healthcare
Pam Goldsilver	COTA Health
Eric Hong	Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care
Kari Quinn-Humphrey	Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Dr David Ryan	Psychogeriatric Resource Consultation Program
Lily Spanjevic	Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Anne Stephens	St Michael's Hospital
Dianne Wallace	SPRINT
Margaret Cameron (rapporteur)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto

Regrets:

Dr. Carole Cohen	Dementia LINC, Sunnybrook and Women's
Vija Mallia	Castleview Wychwood Towers Home for the Aged (OANHSS)
Yasmin Merali	Extendicare Canada Inc
Penelope Minor	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Vania Sakelaris	Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
Lena Salach	Ontario College of Physicians
Judith Thompson	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Judith Wahl	Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE)

Guests:

Rhona Phillips	FiRM Consulting Team
Fern Teplitsky	FiRM Consulting Team
Maria Milanetti	FiRM Consulting Team

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- Welcome and opening remarks.** Dr. Liu welcomed everyone. All present introduced themselves.
 - Approval of the agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
 - Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2007.** The minutes were approved as distributed– with correction to 8. Janet McMullan.

4. **Dementia Toronto website** – *Margaret Cameron*

Statistics for website location of users (servers) from February 2007 to present, printout of new web pages for LHIN Regions <http://www.dementiatoronto.org/LHINs/LHINs.htm> was distributed.

Discussion:

- Some feedback received that website not that easy to navigate – who are the intended users now? Need to provide a guide on how to navigate through the services – previously intended for health care professionals working in the field, new users include professionals and families who are less familiar with how the system works. Possibly in future be tied into larger databases, provide organizations with the ability to update their own records, provide a more interactive interface.

5. Dementia Needs Assessment Study Report – Fern Teplitsky, FIRM Consulting Team

Discussion:

- Not clear where dementia fits with LHINs – focus split between seniors, mental health, chronic disease – possibly report to both seniors and mental health?
- Final version of Alzheimer Strategy Transition report from Scott MacPherson (put on website & include link here)
- Current definition of the Toronto Dementia Network is very vague, there are lots of service providers in the community, but are they engaged in what the network is doing? Membership of steering committee includes voices from various service sectors but not official representatives from the major service sectors.
- Anne Stephens mentioned Lean Health Care: a new movement to smoother health care system <http://www.gemba.com/Healthcare.cfm>, now in use at St Joseph's and North York General.
- LHINs not interested so much in receiving reports, want to have working groups consisting of existing groups able to deliver workplans with well-defined deliverables. Need to interact with other leaders in the field.
- Stacey Daub stated that the Toronto Central CCAC is prepared to work in the area of service provision to those with dementia

Recommendations of Report:

- Strategic Plan
 1. Strengthen system navigation services
 2. Build more consistency in dementia services across agencies in Toronto
 3. Strengthen the Toronto Dementia Network website
 4. Implement a Toronto-wide First Link Program
 5. Require advanced training for Personal Support Workers and other health disciplines
 6. Develop care paths for individuals with ADRD
 7. Create a primary prevention approach
- Executive Director or Coordinator full-time position to develop and implement the Strategic Plan

Future Actions:

- Consulting team will incorporate feedback from discussion into their final report.
- Need to contact LHIN council chairs and support staff
- Come up with an action plan
- Determine revenue sources to support the role of Executive Director/Coordinator

- 6. Toronto Central LHIN and the bordering LHINs** – Dementia Networks of the Central East LHIN have already met, have set up a subcommittee with representatives from each of the networks – tentatively agreed that Eric Hong will work with Kari Quinn- Humphrey as our two representatives on this committee. If networks in other LHINs want to do the same –Pam Goldsilver agreed to serve as our representative for Central and Kari Quinn-Humphrey as our rep for Mississauga-Halton or Central West, whichever is more active.

- 7. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

- 8. Next meeting: October 23, 2007 at the Toronto Rehab Institute.**

Morning meeting was followed by GTA LHINs Dementia Networks Meeting facilitated by Lyn McDonnell.