

## Seniors' Services Advisory Team Meeting Minutes

**Friday, January 18, 2008  
 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Carol Neff	Sharon Sidlar	Laurie Sherrington
Janet Skinner	Jim Tooke	
Sonja Habjan	Robert Botham	
Paula Donylyk	Heather Liscomb	
Betty Chambers	Sandy Skirten (via teleconference)	

**Regrets:**

Laurie Macdonald	Anita Jean	Heather Kibzey
Paulina Chow	Robert G. Wilson	

**LHIN Staff:**

Gwen DuBois-Wing	Karen Ingebrigtsen (Lead)	Darlene Ibey
Laura Kokocinski	Kelly Arnold	

#	Actions/Presentations
1.	Welcome and Introductions: Everyone had the opportunity to introduce themselves.
2.	Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of October 10, 2007 Seniors' Service Advisory Team where reviewed and approved by Betty Chambers, seconded by Bob Botham. Carried.
3.	Research on Best Practices for Seniors' Services Karen Ingebrigtsen presented research on Best Practices for Seniors' Services which provided an overview of the themes and models of care.
4.	Overview of the Centre of Excellence for Integrated Seniors' Services (CEISS): Gwen DuBois-Wing presented an overview of the Centre of Excellence for Integrated Seniors' Services which provided the vision of the CEISS, involved partners, and the benefits to the community.

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5.	<p>North West LHIN Seniors' Services Themes</p> <p>Karen Ingebrigtsen presented a presentation of North West LHIN Seniors Services Themes. There was general agreement on the themes presented. Several members identified opportunities to support seniors including recreational activities such as stick curling and accessing funding for equipment. An important theme raised is of senior safety for recreational activities. Physical or financial abuse was also identified as a greater risk for seniors. Medication management risks and new review and support services at some local pharmacies were discussed. Team members identified the value of age friendly places that support seniors in accessing services. Finally, members suggested that the LHIN provide updates in local newspaper and place copies of Linkage newsletter in local spots such as pharmacies and grocery stores.</p>
6.	<p>North West LHIN Aging at Home Strategy Directional Plan</p> <p>Karen Ingebrigtsen presented a presentation on aging at home strategy directional plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paula Donylyk offered the perspective of seniors not having enough time in hospital, possibly being sent home too soon. It was noted that generally the trend has been delays in discharges.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>North West LHIN Annual Service Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The North West LHIN 08/09 Draft Annual Service Plan for seniors' services was provided to the team for information and feedback. This plan has not yet been approved and therefore confidential.</li> <li>▪ The Ministry LHIN Accountability Agreement time frame 2008 to 2011 activities working on over 5 years.</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>The team was reminded of the dinner and integration forum, the evening of March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.</p>
9.	<p>Future meetings: Karen proposed the date of the next meeting take place February 19<sup>th</sup> or 21, to align with the Aging at Home Innovation Exchange scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that meeting times be extended when there are a number of significant agenda items.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.</p>
<b>Next Seniors' Services Meeting – Information to follow</b>	