

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 23, 2009

The following are highlights of the Open Board Meeting of the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESC LHIN):

Agenda Item	Highlight
Urgent Priority Funding	<p>The Board of Directors approved three submissions for Urgent Priority Funding. The following are a summary of the Board approved programs, subject to Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 – \$200,000 one-time funding to support our hospitals in the purchasing of Utilization Management Software to be used across the hospitals in our LHIN.2 – \$450,000 one-time funding (with the option for additional years) to Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital for the Emergency Department Psychiatric Assessment Team.3 – \$250,000 one-time funding to the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) in support of an Operational Review.
Small Community Hospital Emergency Department Study	<p>Board Chair, Mina Grossman-Ianni, provided comments regarding the role the University of Windsor in supporting the Small Community Hospital Emergency Department Study. The Board received a status report from the University of Windsor at an education session held on June 10, 2009.</p> <p>It was noted that the university is performing an impact analysis on service options with multi-directional recommendations to be considered as part of the larger study.</p>
Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreements (M-LAA)	<p>A report on MLAA targets was received by the Board of Directors that captured progress and challenges in the areas of Alternate Level of Care and Emergency Department Length of Stay in ESC LHIN hospitals.</p>

Targets

Alternate Level of Care (ALC)

Brad Keeler, Senior Director Performance, Contacts and Allocation, indicated that there has been an overall decrease in the number of ALC days during the past few weeks as compared to earlier this year. According to Keeler, the ESC LHIN is close to meeting its performance objectives for the summer months.

Emergency Department Length of Stay (ED LOS)

Keeler noted that Erie St. Clair's overall performance in the area of ED LOS Length of Stay was positive when compared to both provincial averages and other LHINs. In addition, Keeler pointed to two specific points of interest:

- Leamington Hospital numbers have risen over the past few weeks and solutions are being looked at to address this concern.
- In contrast, Bluewater Health's numbers are down thanks to collaborative efforts amongst the ESC LHIN and area stakeholders.

A copy of the MLAA is available online at www.eriesclairhin.on.ca under the Reports and Publications menu.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2009
1:00 p.m.
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