
Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network

June 28, 2010

Emergency Departments will not be the focus for the Primary Health Care Task Group

The inaugural meeting of the Primary Health Care Task Group – Steering Committee, was held on June 24, 2010. Although the purpose of the meeting was to open discussion on what the scope of their work would include, one item was confirmed – the Steering Committee would not be making recommendations related to the provision of Emergency Department services.

It is expected that the PHCTG - Steering Committee will lead a county-by-county review of the current state of primary health care in the region and submit prioritized recommendations to the ESC LHIN Board of Directors for improvements. The three primary goals outlined for the Committee at the meeting include:

- Increased availability of primary health care options
- Greater equity of service
- Improved health outcomes

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for July 21, 2010, at the Erie St. Clair LHIN. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Information about the PHCTG, including member bios, is available on the ESC LHIN web site (www.eriestclairhin.on.ca) in the Current Initiatives section. The web page will also feature regular task group updates and communications.