

Waterloo Wellington LHIN



Voluntary Integration Self Help Alliance / Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch

Presentation to the Board of Directors

March 26, 2009

Overview

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1. Context

- Health service providers, like LHINs, are expected to identify integration opportunities
- The LHSIA gives the LHINs the authority to stop or modify an intended voluntary integration
- If the intended voluntary integration involves services that are at least partially funded by a LHIN, the provider must notify the LHIN before undertaking the integration

2. Issue - What

1. Intended voluntary integration (merger) between following four self help organizations:
 - Waterloo Region Self Help for Psychiatric Consumer/Survivors
 - Mutual Aid with Psychiatric Survivors
 - Mood Disorders Association of Waterloo region
 - Cambridge Active Self Help Organization
2. Intended voluntary integration (partnership) between the new merged organization and Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch

2. Issue - Why

- Support sustainable provision of services to people who experience a range of mental health issues across Waterloo and Wellington
- Build capacity to provide a strong and unified representation of consumer issues to local planning tables and other organizations

3. Integration Options, Process and Decision

Integration option	Integration Decision by WWLHIN	Preliminary Integration Decision made public by WWLHIN	Period of Written Submissions (30 days min)	Impact of Written Input on Integration Decision
Funding integration	Optional at LHIN's discretion	No	Optional at LHIN's discretion	LHIN may confirm or amend original integration decision, including denial of integration
Facilitated integration	Required	No	Optional at LHIN's discretion	LHIN may confirm or amend original integration decision, including denial of integration
Required integration	Required	Yes	Required	LHIN may confirm or amend original integration decision, including denial of integration
Voluntary integration	<i>Optional</i> if LHIN supports integration <i>Required</i> if LHIN proposes to deny proposed voluntary integration or parts of it	If denied, yes	Required if LHINs propose to deny integration or parts of it	LHIN may confirm or amend original integration decision, including denial of integration

4. Integration Decision

- Received a notice of the proposed integration on February 17th, 2009
- 60 days to respond if WWLHIN intends to oppose or modify the proposed voluntary integration
- In assessing proposed voluntary integration, LHIN must consider the extent to which the proposed integration is inconsistent with its IHSP as well as any other matters it regards as relevant in the circumstances

5. Considerations

1. Strengthens mental health and addiction peer support in the WWLHIN
2. Reduces duplication of administrative costs
3. Improves sustainability
4. Supports WWLHIN IHSP
5. Community engagement
6. Matters related to labour and other funding sources
7. Risks associated with service disruption, non-conformance with regulation and financial risks
8. Alternatives to proposed integration

6. Recommendation

Whereas the Waterloo Wellington LHIN (the “LHIN”) has received notice under s. 27 of the Local Health System Integration Act, from the Waterloo Region Self Help for Psychiatric Consumer/Survivors, Mutual Aid with Psychiatric Survivors, Mood Disorders Association of Waterloo Region, Cambridge Active Self Help Organization and the Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch of their intent to participate in the intended voluntary integration that will lead to an amalgamation of the four self help partners in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch as outlined in the ‘notice of intended integration’ dated February 17, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the WWLHIN is satisfied with the information provided and will not take any action under s. 27 to prevent the proposed integration

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