

UPDATE APRIL 2006

OPADD Regions Encouraged to Establish Working Relationship with LHINs

At its meeting of March 24 2006, OPADD hosted representatives of the Central Toronto LHIN. The message to OPADD was that LHINs are engaging with community agencies in preparation for development of priorities and planning initiatives. Service providers and others in all OPADD regions are encouraged to get on the radar of their local LHIN(s).

The Toronto Central LHIN will attend the next OPADD meeting, Friday June 9 2006 at Reena to continue the dialogue with OPADD. OPADD encourages all regions to begin a process of engaging with their respective LHINs. More information on LHINs will be shared with OPADD members in the coming weeks.

U-First! Train the Trainer Project Moves Ahead

All regions have scheduled or are in the process of scheduling U-First Training days. Stay tuned or contact your regional co-chairs for more information.

Access Guide to Seniors Community Programs

The Guide is complete and now in production. The final report was reviewed by the task group on April 4. The Access Guide will be presented at the next OPADD meeting June 9. A copy will be distributed to OPADD members, LHINs, CCACs, Ministries and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Additional copies will be available at cost plus postage and handling. A portion of the Guide will be posted to the OPADD website so people can see what it offers before ordering a copy.

Best Practices in Transition Planning

OPADD's work is building a body of knowledge around best practices in transition planning. Consideration is being given to developing a blueprint for transition planning as a means to test various practices and identify links between best outcomes and best practices.

Regional Workshops

Northwest – Thunder Bay

Workshop held March 30 and 21 2006. Program included presentations on health issues, quality of life and LHINs. Information will be forwarded by the workshop planning committee for posting to the OPADD website.

Southeast – Kingston

Workshop coming up April 18 and 19 2006. Agenda includes focused discussion and strategy-building to further development of a cross sector dialogue and planning process.

Toronto

Workshop planning getting underway. Possible date of this fall.