



That older adults with a developmental disability have the same rights to support and services as all older Ontarians

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HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2008 THE YEAR OF SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

The project is now entering its final 15 months. A lot has been accomplished with the efforts of OPADD members across Ontario. It is time to think about how to sustain the partnership following the exhaustion of Ontario Trillium Foundation Funding. A preliminary report on sustainability will be included with the OPADD Agenda for the meeting of January 11 2008. The report presents an overview of the Collaborative Committee's discussion on sustainability and summarizes input of the six regional committees who participated in the sustainability survey. A few regional comments from the report:

"...it's really promoting understanding between the two sectors...which is very necessary and it's even greater awareness, not just around disability but...awareness of one another."

"It gives recognition to this as an area of need that aging is a very real issue; certainly with people with developmental disabilities it becomes more complex."

"OPADD is a single point of contact with the Ontario government and provides the opportunity to speak with one voice and provides a channel for the government to communicate with all of us."

"Now we have LHINS and that is causing a huge transformation in the planning process. How does OPADD link with the 14 LHINs? The LHINs are paying attention to social determinants of health and as a result there is new opportunity for MCSS and OPADD to be considered in health planning processes."

"Certainly when I go to OPADD it's diversified my thinking and then to bring it back to you guys what some of the other regions are doing. It's awe inspiring."

NEXT OPADD MEETING

11:45 AM Friday January 11 2008. Robin Hurst of the Seniors Health Research Network (SHRTN) will be attending to bring us up to date on the activities and direction of the network. For more info on SHRTN do a search using "SHRTN" in your web browser.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

The Niagara Region, situated within the OPADD South Central Region will be hosting a cross sector February 2008 to bring DS and LTC players together in partnership. The SC Regional Committee is gearing up for its follow-up workshop later in 2008.

NORTHEAST ENGAGING MORE PLAYERS

Executive Directors in North Bay and District will be attending a presentation about OPADD on January 14. The Northeast Committee is planning for its follow-up workshop later in 2008.

GUIDE TO PERSONAL CARE & PROPERTY

The Guide has been finalized and will be going for printing in January. It will be available by February 2008.