

UPDATE JULY/AUGUST 2006

OPADD BACKGROUND PAPER ON LHINS

OPADD has prepared a background paper that describes many of the healthcare issues facing older adults with a developmental disability. The paper helps to draw attention to the responsibilities of paid and unpaid caregivers to ensure that the healthcare requirements of this aging population are given close attention within the new LHIN planning framework. The document provides a point of reference for regions in discussions with their respective LHINs. The paper titled, "ENGAGING THE NEW HEALTHCARE PLANNING PARADIGM: OPADD AND LHINS" is available on the OPADD website or by contacting Anne Amore at aamore@reena.org

REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING EVENT

Val Armstrong - Southeast is chairing the regional co-chair training planning group. Berthe Last - Northeast; Linda Peever - Southeast; and Cindy Stephens - Toronto Region are planning group members. The group is providing guidance to Ron Coristine in the planning of the Regional Co-Chair Training. It is expected that each region will send their co-chairs and where this is not possible, at least one representative from each sector.

The event will likely be scheduled for late October. Dates will be confirmed within a few days.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS THIS FALL

Ottawa/Champlain - October 5: The agenda for the day-long workshop has been developed and will feature several speakers with experience in the area of aging and developmental disabilities. Three facilitated panel and group discussions will provide the means to build specific plans for cross sector partnering following the workshop.

Toronto - November 16: A draft agenda for the day-long workshop has been developed. The format will include speakers, a panel and group discussion. The event is being planned in partnership with the Community Care Access Centre.

Northeast - September 28 and 29: Features humour workshop, wine and cheese, experts in the area of Alzheimer Disease, U-First! and communications sessions.

Southwest - a working group is to hold their first meeting this fall.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING GUIDE

A working group is developing the guide on financial issues, guardianship and substitute decision-making. Members include Jane Powell of L'Arche and OPADD; Rachel Blumenfeld of Miller Thompson and the Reena Foundation; Kenneth Pope Barrister/Solicitor and specialist in Henson Trusts; Ron Coristine OPADD ADD Project Manager are members of the task group. Judith Wahl of the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Elderly (ACE) will also be providing feedback on the document as it is developed.