

UPDATE JUNE 2006

DIALOGUE BETWEEN OPADD AND LHINS CONTINUES

The Toronto Central LHIN will be attending the next OPADD meeting on June 16 to continue the dialogue around the role of LHINS.

REGIONAL CO-CHAIR INFORMATION AND TRAINING EVENT

OPADD is planning a two day information and training event for regional co-chairs. Funding for the proposal is being provided by the Central East Region with additional contributions from Reena and New Leaf. This will keep the cost to participants at a modest level. It is expected that each region will send their co-chairs and where this is not possible, at least one representative from each sector.

A task group is being formed to oversee the planning process. The two day program will offer regional co-chairs an opportunity to learn from one another, receive information about OPADD and participate in some training workshops. The program will include: OPADD vision, goals and strategies; the role of regional committees and co-chairs; OPADD communication vehicles and how to use them; leadership tips and strategies; team-building; the role of the Co-Chair; strategies for effective meetings and communications; supporting local initiatives; and accountability. The event will also foster cross regional communication to facilitate knowledge exchange about regional ideas, initiatives and successes.

The event will be scheduled in October or early November to avoid conflict with regional workshops being planned for this fall.

NEW OPADD BROCHURE

A new brochure has been developed and printed. It has been professionally designed and produced in full colour. The new format includes photographs of older adults with a developmental disability and caregivers, a summary of OPADD activities and information on ordering OPADD publications. A copy of the brochure accompanies this Update. Additional hard copies can be obtained from Anne Amore at aamore@reena.org

UPCOMING REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Toronto – The Toronto Region is planning a workshop for the fall of 2006 in partnership with the Community Care Access Centre. Possible dates are October 20 or 27 2006.

Ottawa/Champlain – New date is October 5 2006.

Southwest – a working group has been assembled to begin planning for the fall of 2006.

OPADD WEBSITE TO BE UPDATED

The OPADD website is being reviewed to ensure content remains current and reflects OPADD priorities. Changes will include greater emphasis on quality of life and transition planning as approved in the Transition Report of November 2005. It is also expected that more information will be available from the regions in the form of workshop proceedings and news on local initiatives. A reference group is being assembled to