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GET TO KNOW YOUR LHIN

The Toronto Central LHIN has offered to return to the next OPADD meeting to continue the dialogue around the role of LHINs. If your group/committee-organization has not yet made contact with your respective LHIN or LHINs, now is the time to get to know them and have input to their evolving role. Working with LHINs will be pivotal because of the nature of the partnership between developmental services and the system of services to seniors funded by MOHLTC. Contact information for all LHINs was sent out previously. If you need a copy of the information please contact Anne Amore at aamore@reena.org

OPADD PUBLICATIONS

OPADD now offers the following publications for caregivers and planners:

1. Transition Guide for Caregivers (paper copy) \$5.00
2. **NEW** - Access Guide to Seniors Community Programs (CD ROM format) \$12.00
3. **NEW** - Best Practices in Transition Planning (PowerPoint) free download from the opadd website.

To order either of the Guides contact Anne Amore at aamore@reena.org

BUILDING OUR CROSS SECTOR CAPACITY

The format of OPADD meetings is being examined to see how we can use meetings to continue building our capacity for learning, information exchange and mutual accountability. One of the key elements is to strengthen the connection between the regions and the provincial meetings. Reports from the regions are a vital part of OPADD meetings since they help the regions learn from one another as well as disseminate information and updates across the province. More news with the next OPADD agenda in June.

ADVANCE CARE AND ESTATE PLANNING

The need for information tailored to the requirements of older adults with a developmental disability and caregivers was identified by OPADD late last year. This project will review existing information, speak with experts and assemble an information guide. Judith Wahl of the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Elderly (ACE), Kenneth Pope, Barrister and Solicitor in Ottawa and Jane Powell of L'Arche have agreed to help with the work. Anyone wishing to contribute contact Ron Coristine at rcoristine@reena.org

Regional Workshops

Southeast – Two day workshop held Apr 18/19 in Kingston. In the words of one participant, “This has been one of the best conferences I have attended.” Plans were laid on day 2 for creating a sustainable cross sector planning capacity in the region. Workshop proceedings will be available soon on the opadd website.

Toronto – Workshop planning committee has been struck.

Central East – recently completed focus groups across region to identify key issues and stakeholders. Workshop being planned.