



## Project governance continues

The Phase 2 Steering Committee successfully completed its mandate with the submission of its OCAN implementation recommendations to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. A Phase 3 Steering Committee is expected to be established after the Ministry completes its review of recommendations and an approach for sustainability and governance is determined for implementing OCAN.

An Interim Steering Committee has been formed. Its first meeting was held April 15, 2009.

Lorne Zon, CMHA Ontario Division returns as chair. Other members are: Anne Bowlby, MOH LTC; Theresa Claxton, Ontario Association of Patient Councils; Steve Lurie, CMHA – Toronto; Susan Marshall, CMHA Fort Frances; Alan Mathany, Frontenac Community Mental Health Services; Sandy Milakovic, CMHA Peel Region; Mike O'Shea, NE LHIN; Deb Sherman, OPDI; and Ru Tauro, Oak Centre.

## Defining the context

Like the Phase II SC before it, this interim committee picks up where the previous SC ended to ensure the project momentum continues its pace. Establishing the terms of reference was the first item of business at this initial meeting of the CMH CAP Interim Steering Committee.

This committee's responsibilities include:

- Overseeing collecting further learnings,
- Responding to MOHLTC processing of recommendations,
- Championing OCAN and its related processes, and
- Acting as advisory group for interactions with other projects that may impact the sector.

## Committee report to the MOHLTC

The MOHLTC has acknowledged receipt of the previous committee's report to MOHLTC based on in-depth discussions of the pilot learnings, independent research and academic review. There has as yet been no request for further information at this time. A lead has been identified to oversee the approval process. The project team is working with the lead to clarify an understanding of the implications of implementation.

This summary is intended to provide information and key messages from the Community Mental Health Common Assessment Project's Steering Committee meetings. It does not replace the meeting notes, but offers a way for committee members to conveniently share project updates with their stakeholders.

## Project stream updates

**NE LHIN Pilot:** Organization kick offs are complete. NE LHIN Pilot Planning Table has been established. Info Session held in January 2009 included organizations, LHIN and project; Kick off sessions were held in February 2009. LHIN director reports that the pilot is going well and momentum is building.

**Additions:** Based on extensive interviews with CMH&A sector, a working group has been established and mapping well underway to determine how OCAN and additions assessment tools (ADAT) can share information to inform and enhance the service plan for clients with co-occurring disorders.

**CDS/OCAN Single Framework:** Work is proceeding on identifying and surfacing issues associated with the vision for a combined CDS and OCAN reporting framework.

**Multiple Service Providers:** Working group being established and charter finalized regarding managing common assessment for individuals receiving services from multiple providers.

**Homelessness:** Using OCAN effectively with the homeless population is being explored with the Mental Health Commission of Canada homelessness project and TC LHIN.

**Cross-sector Information Transfer Advisory Committee:** First meeting convened to review how information from OCAN can be shared with the hospital in-patient MH environment (RAI-MH) and vice versa.

**Dual Diagnosis:** Initial meeting held and high-level data aligned in support of the joint policy guideline from MOHLTC and Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) for the provision of CMH and developmental services for Ontario adults with a dual diagnosis.

**Reports Content:** Working group has been established to determine the key reports useful to various stakeholders across the system.

**Marketing Communications:** Marketing OCAN to a variety of stakeholders has resulted in participation in at least 20 conferences, 18 interactions with LHINs, nine article placements, 2358 support centre tickets and 2803 portal downloads.

**Justice:** Work is targeted to begin in September.

## Next meeting

Weds., May 20, 2009 1:00 – 2:00pm EST  
20 FL Training Room (Rm. 2012) 777 Bay St.,  
Toronto