

OCAN

Ontario Common Assessment of Need

Update

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Steering Committee News

Joint Pilot for Shared Assessment and OCAN/CDS Single Framework

Last time we brought you news about that the CMH CAP Steering Committee having approved a joint pilot for two of their work areas, the Shared Assessment and the Single Framework. This joint pilot was initiated after the group identified the dependencies between the two streams in regards to the information collected for a single individual between multiple providers being used to reproduce client-level CDS reports.

Planning for this new initiative is currently underway. A joint Shared Assessment and Single Framework Pilot Working Group has been established and the North East LHIN has agreed to participate. With the business process for the pilot already finalized, the joint pilot is scheduled to Go Live in February 2010. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new pilot in our next issue!

North East LHIN pilot

Project implementation activities are well underway and moving forward at a fast clip in the North East LHIN. We are pleased to report that 22 of the 23 pilot organizations in the LHIN have gone live with OCAN with over 1000 assessments submitted to date! Warm congratulations go to all those who worked hard to make this happen.

Important lessons learned about pilot processes continue to be collected by the project team so that they can be applied to future implementations. Evaluation about the use of OCAN in Aboriginal settings as well as an evaluation of Consumer Survivor Initiatives is also underway. Evaluation about the use of OCAN in programs where it has not previously been evaluated continues.

Special Events

In December we brought you two key events featuring health services researcher, Dr. Mike Slade, the lead author of the Camberwell assessment, which is the kernel tool for OCAN. It's unanimous -- the feedback received about the sessions was overwhelmingly positive.

On December 1, 2009 the North East LHIN hosted a one-day conference called *Reassessment and Recovery*. Delegates had the opportunity to hear from pilot participants, project team members and other key presenters about the importance of the common assessment tool for LHINs and other organizations. We'd like to share some comment highlights:

"Loved hearing Dr. Mike Slade talk! He understands what it takes for recovery!"

"WOW! Dr. Slade was very interesting and informative. The rest of the CMH CAP did a great job as well."

"Dr. Mike Slade's presentation hit the nail on the head. More consumer led strategies/resources for recovery."

A second event was held on December 3, 2009 in Toronto by the CMH CAP entitled *OCAN – The Power of Shared Information*. The conference attracted 119 attendees from across the sector. It gave participants the opportunity to improve their understanding of OCAN and how it can help support mental health consumers. In the words of one participant, the conference offered "encouraging data, fantastic speakers." Overall, participants at both events indicated that they are keen to stay informed about project progress and developments.

The MOHLTC supports a consumer-centred approach to Ontario's community mental health services and is encouraging the CMH CAP Steering Committee and sector stakeholders to continue to move forward in implementing.

In addition to the North East LHIN deployment, the project will be implementing in two other LHINs in mid-January and in early February. Both the Toronto Central and South East LHINs will be inviting their CMH organizations to participate in information sessions to learn more about OCAN.

