



October 3, 2011

Advancing Hospice Palliative Care in Central LHIN

Invitation to Apply - Interim Advisory Group

At the May 31, 2011 Central LHIN Board meeting, the HPC Network requested that a Transition Strategy Team be formed to create an engagement plan regarding the potential to form a comprehensive integrated palliative care program for the LHIN. The team has met four times over the summer and is recommending an extensive consultation process across the entire LHIN in order to obtain the maximum possible input into what such a program could look like. Funding is being sought to move this process forward over the next several months.

In the interim, many developments are occurring at the provincial level as well as locally, and the Network will need to stay abreast of current events.

The Central Hospice Palliative Care Network's Transition Strategy Team is seeking 8-10 volunteers for a (maximum) 2 year term, for formation of an Interim Advisory Group. The Group will help share information and provide input on various opportunities including the residential hospice project for York Region, and the provincial policy task force that has begun work as of Sept 7, 2011. Please see the attached Terms of Reference for further details.

We encourage Expressions of Interest from health service providers, including hospitals, hospices, fundraisers, the Community Care Access Centre, long-term care homes, community support service agencies, community mental health agencies and primary care providers. **We also welcome interested consumers (clients and families) and volunteers.** Meetings will be held monthly for approximately 1 1/2 hours in person and/or via teleconference.

Interested individuals should forward a completed Expression of Interest form by October 28, 2011 to:

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