

Highlights from Provincial Dementia Network (PDN) Planning Day:

Attendees by LHIN Area:

Erie St. Clair:	Helen Johnson
South West LIN:	Shelley Green, Betsy Little, Deborah Barker (phone)
Waterloo Wellington:	Carol Taylor
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant:	Barb McCoy, Michelle Bliss, Gail MacKenzie-High
Central West:	Mindy Ginsler
Mississauga Halton:	Leanne Turner
Toronto Central:	Marija Padjen
South East:	Dr. Ken LeClair, David Townseed
Champlain:	Dr. Bill Dalziel, Kathy Wright
North Simcoe Muskoka:	Taro Shako, Lisa Hildebrand, Leslie Nemisz
North East:	Vicky Roy
North West:	Joy Nieminen, Terri Horan
Alzheimer Society of Ontario:	David Harvey, Jacquie Micallef
Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange:	Megan Harris, Karen Parrage, Frances Morton

Context Setting (David Harvey, ASO/AKE):

- Participants were welcomed and invited participant in the room and via web/teleconference to introduce themselves.
- Shared primary objectives for the planning day: ***To consider how to Strengthen Local Dementia Networks through a Provincial Dementia Network; and The identification of PDN priorities and a process leading to action planning that will move the Provincial Dementia Network (PDN) priorities forward.***
- Brief history provided on the evolution of local Dementia Networks from the Provincial Alzheimer Strategy (1999 – 2004), through the Alzheimer Strategy Transition Project (2005 – 2007), to present day. Possible opportunities for future showcasing the work of Dementia Networks upon the 10 year anniversary of the Strategy in 2009 were also briefly touched on.

Prioritizing of Themes (Frances Morton, AKE special projects):

- Key themes identified by DN chairs across the province as important to the development and role of a PDN were shared.
- Summary document provided with seven key themes and accompanying activities from earlier focus groups
- Review of themes and additions or revisions considered – two additional themes were added by the larger group
- Each of four tables further developed two themes and webinar participants also developed a theme.

The original seven themes were:

1. Resource Issues
2. Knowledge Sharing
3. Public Policy Role
4. Strong Role for an Over Arching Stewardship
5. Addressing Issues of How to “Fit” within LHIN Boundaries
6. Central Knowledge Bank

PROVINCIAL DEMENTIA NETWORK: Planning Day Summary Notes November 13, 2008

7. Logistics of *How* a PDN would work?

The two additional themes added to the discussion were:

8. Best practices
 9. Education
- Each developed theme shared and discussed as a larger group
 - Nine themes prioritized with participants identifying their top three priorities were. (note: during this process it became clear that some of the themes could be collapsed into another such as the case with Education and Central Knowledge Bank being absorbed under Knowledge Sharing).
 - **Please refer to the summary of prioritized themes for further detail.**

Success Stories Shared

- The Champlain Dementia Network and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Dementia Networks each shared insights regarding their growth and development and keys to the success of their regional DN activities.
- These two DNs provided a snapshot of how DN's can learn and share with each other to assist in varying stages of stages of growth and activities.

Identified Priorities (David Harvey):

The top three priorities set out at the planning day to pursue in ***Strengthening Local Dementia Networks through a Provincial Dementia Network*** include:

1. Provincial Stewardship and Logistics of a PDN (30 combined votes)
2. Knowledge Sharing (including Central Knowledge Bank & Education) (15 combined votes)
3. Supporting local/ regional resource needs (9 votes)

AKE Support (Megan Harris, AKE Knowledge Broker & Karen Parrage, AKE Program Assistant):

- Brief overview provided of resources available to DNs by the AKE (information on AKE resources available at www.akeontario.org)
- Tour of the new and improved AKE website and Resource Centre
- Realization of congruence with many PDN priorities (e.g., Knowledge Sharing and Resource Support priorities can utilize AKE resource centre as central repository for local/regional DN resources, strategic plans, terms of reference, learning templates and other DN resources from across the province; opportunity of PDN community of practice to have provincial website and sub-sites for local/regional DN's with interactive map of DN's)

Next Steps (David Harvey):

The following recommendations arose from the larger group as to how the PDN will enhance and support local DNs:

- Identify two or three people to help move priorities forward (Ottawa DN was highly recommended as a mentor DN in the process) someone
- Utilize current AKE resources and interim PDN Community of Practice funding while seeking other resources to help PDN flourish
- Coordinate provincially with ASO for Ministry related issues (note: ASO to commit some resources to the PDN such as access to ASO regional liaisons; public policy guidance; etc.)
- Capitalize on existing knowledge amongst DNs (e.g., populate the AKE Resource Centre PDN CoP website with current DN resources, templates, etc.)

PROVINCIAL DEMENTIA NETWORK: Planning Day Summary Notes
November 13, 2008

- Coordinate activities and share templates for current and emerging dementia education issues (e.g., templates, Driving and Dementia, Living Alone, ADRD Toolkit)
- Capitalize on the International efforts of AST/ASO/ASC Think Tank (seek a trillium grant to showcase good work of DN's during 2009 ten-year anniversary of Alz. Strategy)

Who and How?

- *Provincial Dementia Network (PDN) Facilitation and Working Group* to begin the process of a PDN development develop a plan/strategy (e.g., recommendations for common language/collective mandate; membership; frequency of meetings; sub-committees/working groups based on identified priorities)
- With mandate of three key priorities and share with other DNs to get feedback from their membership. Group to meet twice by ACC technology prior to February meeting of the larger PDN group.

ASO and AKE to work together with PDN Facilitation and Working Group Volunteers

- Carol Taylor (Waterloo-Wellington Dufferin)
- Helen Johnson (Erie St. Clair)
- Joy Nieminen (North West)
- Kathy Wright and Bill Dalziel (Champlain)
- Marija Padjen (Toronto Central)
- Michelle Bliss or alternate Gail Mackenzie-High (Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant)
- Taro Shako (North Simcoe Muskoka)
- (Peel-Mississauga) ??
- (North East) ??

Wrap-Up (Ken LeClair, AKE/Regional DN Chair):

- Summary key observations and learning from the day provided.
- Re-emerging theme validated: "If often if feels like the same ten people keep doing the work" because it often *is* the same ten people keep doing the work
- Suggested a PDN we might grow those same ten people into the same 20 people and then 30 people and so on.
- Do not want not want to lose the knowledge and experience of the original "same ten people" – this will benefit the new champions to capitalize on their rich history and expertise in moving this process forward.

Next Meeting Date:

- AKE/ASO to be in touch with each of the Working Group volunteers in December to arrange a date in January for a web/teleconference to discuss action planning and moving the PDN priorities forward.
- Results from the working group will be shared at a meeting of the larger Provincial Dementia Network (PDN) via web/teleconference in February 2009.
- Dates to be determined.