What.

A behavioural support system is an integrated network of people, services and supports, across the continuum of care that provides quality care for those with behaviours associated with complex and challenging mental health, dementia or other neurological conditions.

The **Ontario Behavioural Support Systems Project** aims to improve the lives of Ontarians with behaviours associated with complex and challenging mental health, dementia or other neurological conditions living in long-term care homes or in independent living settings.

Who.

The Ontario BSS project is informed by the needs and experiences of those working in the provincial health care system as well as those with lived experience. Project leadership is provided by:

- North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (NSM LHIN)
- Alzheimer Society of Ontario (ASO)
- Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange (AKE)
- Divisions of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).

The Executive Co-Sponsors are Bernie Blais, Chief Executive Officer, NSM LHIN and Kenneth Deane, Assistant Deputy Minister- Health System Accountability and Performance Division, MOHLTC

How.

Phase 1: Laying the Foundation

Phase 2: Demonstration and Testing

Phase 3: Provincial Implementation

- Phase 1 (January to October, 2010) is funded and the deliverables include:
  - Defined target population
  - Proposed BSS model
  - Evaluation framework
  - Business case
  - Final report with recommendations for Phase 2
- Phases 2 and 3 are contemplated at this time
- Phase 2 would begin in October/November 2010

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