

# Toronto Dementia Network

Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the Steering Committee, October 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.  
Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre  
250 Dundas Street West, Simcoe Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto

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## Present:

Françoise Hébert (Co-chair)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Dr. Barbara Liu (Co-chair)	Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto
Dr. Carole Cohen	Dementia LINC, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Stacey Daub	Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre
Amanda Falotico	Providence Healthcare
Pam Goldsilver	COTA Health
Eric Hong	Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care
Vija Mallia	Castleview Wychwood Towers Home for the Aged (OANHSS)
Kari Quinn-Humphrey	Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Judith Thompson	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Dianne Wallace	SPRINT
Margaret Cameron (rapporteur)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto

## Regrets:

Yasmin Merali	Extendicare Canada Inc
Penelope Minor	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Dr David Ryan	Psychogeriatric Resource Consultation Program
Vania Sakelaris	Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
Lena Salach	Ontario College of Physicians
Lily Spanjevic	Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Anne Stephens	St Michael's Hospital
Judith Wahl	Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE)

## Guests:

Catherine Anastakis	Toronto Central LHIN
Marija Padjen	Alzheimer Society of Toronto

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1. **Welcome and opening remarks.** Dr. Liu welcomed everyone. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of the agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. **Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2007.** The minutes were approved as distributed.

4. **Dementia Toronto website** – *Margaret Cameron*

- Statistics for the website from February 2007 were distributed. The report is available online at <http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2007TDNWebsiteReport.pdf>
- LHIN information is now provided for each organization listed on the site, and Long Term Care Facilities & Short Term Bed maps are now organized by the new LHINs/CCAC areas. Google maps will be added for all organizations to clarify their location to users.
- Toronto CCAC has been awarded a contract from Toronto Central LHIN to create an inventory of all community services in Toronto Central LHIN. Françoise Hébert, Marija Padjen and Margaret Cameron met with the Toronto CCAC re this new database – will look into ways to build on what we have accomplished to avoid duplication of effort.

5. **Aging at Home Strategy** – *Catherine Anastakis, Senior Integration Consultant, Toronto Central LHIN*  
**Discussion:**

- Handouts are available online at <http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/AgingAtHome.pdf>
- Explanation of what steps the Toronto Central LHIN will be taking over the coming months, including the information required by October 31, and what needs to be submitted by December 31.

- Toronto Central LHIN compiling a list of **legislative and policy barriers** in the way of seniors aging at home, some suggestions made by those in attendance
  - Privacy legislation – lack of clarity of Circle of Care, being used as an excuse not to share information
  - Health care requirement of local agencies – currently those without active health cards must go to hospitals for care
  - HR issues – wages, compensation of workers
  - Driving assessment - cost of testing needs to be covered by clients, burden of reporting duty on physician places tension on doctor-patient relationship
- Toronto Central LHIN looking for avenues for **community engagement** – people already involved in the community invited to organized information gathering sessions

**Action:** committee members to provide additional input to Catherine: [Catherine.Anastakis@LHINS.ON.CA](mailto:Catherine.Anastakis@LHINS.ON.CA)

- Stacey Daub distributed 2 papers – *The Balance of Care* – dealing with a model of care for aging in place, and *The ALC “Flo” Collaborative* - discussing strategies by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to relieve pressures related to long waits for appropriate levels of care and high inpatient occupancy rates – available online at [http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2007Oct\\_TorontoCCACNotes.pdf](http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2007Oct_TorontoCCACNotes.pdf)
- Funding
  - for 07-08 Urgent Priorities, Toronto Central LHIN still working on where this will be allocated
  - for 08-09 Aging @ Home, will be determined by end of the year,
  - HSIP pre-proposals invited now, may lead to invitation to submit supplementary business case, decision on allocation of funds will be made by January 31, 2008

#### 6. **Dementia Needs Assessment Study Report** – *Françoise Hébert*

- Sub-categorize recommendation – system issues specific to the Toronto Dementia Network, and those ongoing at the Alzheimer Society of Toronto
- Toronto Central LHIN not only wants recommendations for actions that require \$ but also those looking for endorsement for action

**Action:**

- Committee members to provide input to Françoise Hébert by Friday October 26 re changes to the report
- Submit HSIP for Toronto Dementia Network Coordinator along with a copy of the report
- Both Seniors Council and Mental Health Council to be contacted
- Send copies to other networks as an example for approaching their LHINs for their own Dementia Network Coordinator positions
- meet again in November to prepare for deadline for submissions to the Toronto Central LHIN for 08-09 funding
- Either Coordinator or a sub-group need to prioritize the plan, with details on what can be worked on now

#### 7. **Central East LHIN Dementia Network** – *Kari Quinn-Humphrey & Eric Hong*

- Report and Collaboration Agreement submitted for review, copies available online at [http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2007Oct\\_CentralEastDementiaNetwork.pdf](http://www.dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2007Oct_CentralEastDementiaNetwork.pdf), includes a provision that any participating network can opt out on an individual basis to any initiative agreed to by the collective body – Dementia Network- Central East
  - *Moved by Stacey Daub, seconded by Pam Goldsilver that the Toronto Dementia Network approves the Report and Collaboration Agreement of Central East Dementia Network. Carried.*
- TDN representative at the Central LHIN Network meetings will be Pam Goldsilver

#### 8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

#### 9. **Next meeting: November 20, 2007 to discuss action plan.**

Location and agenda will be provided closer to the date.