

**STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – JUNE 2017**

**SWAHN RESTRUCTURING**

From 2015-2016, the expansion of SWAHN's organizational framework, volunteer base, and projects under development was significant. In late 2016, based on feedback from volunteers, SWAHN's leadership recognized the need to analyze and adjust the organization's structure to make changes to improve alignment with both current and future needs, addressing various challenges while ensuring continued advancement and value creation as the Network continues to mature.

A revised organizational chart has been drafted and the role descriptions and responsibilities of each component on the chart are under development and/or revision. This work will be completed over the next several months. We believe that the revisions will address previous challenges associated with communication flow across SWAHN's organizational layers by flattening the structure to improve communication throughout the organization.

Work to reorganize SWAHN began in January 2017. The changes will be rolled out publicly at a SWAHN conference in October 2017. More details concerning the conference (i.e., the date and agenda) will be provided as they are confirmed.

*SWAHN facilitates interprofessional collaboration, networking, and knowledge-sharing opportunities across health-care related education, research, health service providers, and other stakeholders in Southwestern Ontario to identify gaps and to improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and systems.*

**VALUE PROPOSITION**

The ideal value proposition is a clear statement that describes the unique benefits that a stakeholder can expect to experience from an organization's products or services.

At the SWAHN retreat in April 2016, our Committee and Working Group members discussed the development of a value proposition for the Network. The finalized statement (left) was confirmed by the Steering Committee on March 6, 2017.

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

The Communications Advisory Committee prepared a strategic communications plan for SWAHN that was approved by the Steering Committee in March 2017. This document is available upon request.

**UPCOMING SWAHN OPERATIONS COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP CHANGES**

Dr. Doug Jones, Vice Dean, Basic Medical Sciences, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, has graciously served as Interim Co-Chair of SWAHN's Operations Committee with Dr. Robin Walker since Dr. Margaret Steele left the position in the summer of 2016. Over the last several months, Dr. Jones focused his efforts on helping the Network continue to move its priorities forward by attending Committee and Working Group meetings, making regional visits, and contributing to the reorganization process. We would like to note our sincere gratitude to Dr. Jones for his leadership contributions to SWAHN.

In May 2017, the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University announced Dr. Davy Cheng's appointment to the role of Vice Dean, Faculty Affairs effective July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2023. Dr. Jones will assist in the transition and orientation period as we welcome Dr. Cheng to the role of Co-Chair of SWAHN's Operations Committee this summer.

Dr. Cheng's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry appointment notice can be found here:

[http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/news/2017/may/announcement\\_dr\\_davy\\_cheng\\_takes\\_on\\_vice\\_dean\\_role.html](http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/news/2017/may/announcement_dr_davy_cheng_takes_on_vice_dean_role.html)

## 2017 WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

### IPE DAY 2017

Members of SWAHN's Interprofessional Education Working Group were engaged in the development and execution of the second annual IPE Day held in both London and Windsor on the afternoon of Monday, April 3, 2017. In London, over 400 students and 35 facilitators were engaged. Windsor's event involved 160 students and 20 facilitators.



*IPE Day - London venue - Althouse College auditorium at Western University.*

The London group included all first-year students from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University and University of Waterloo Schools of Pharmacy and Optometry & Vision Science with representation from King's University College and Renison University College Social Work programs.

The Windsor group included all first-year students from Schulich Windsor Campus Medicine as well as University of Windsor Nursing, Human Kinetics, and Social Work students. Respiratory Therapy students from St. Clair College were also engaged.

Both events included a live panel discussing a complex interprofessional patient case, a stereotype exercise, and a facilitated case discussion where the students were broken into small groups.

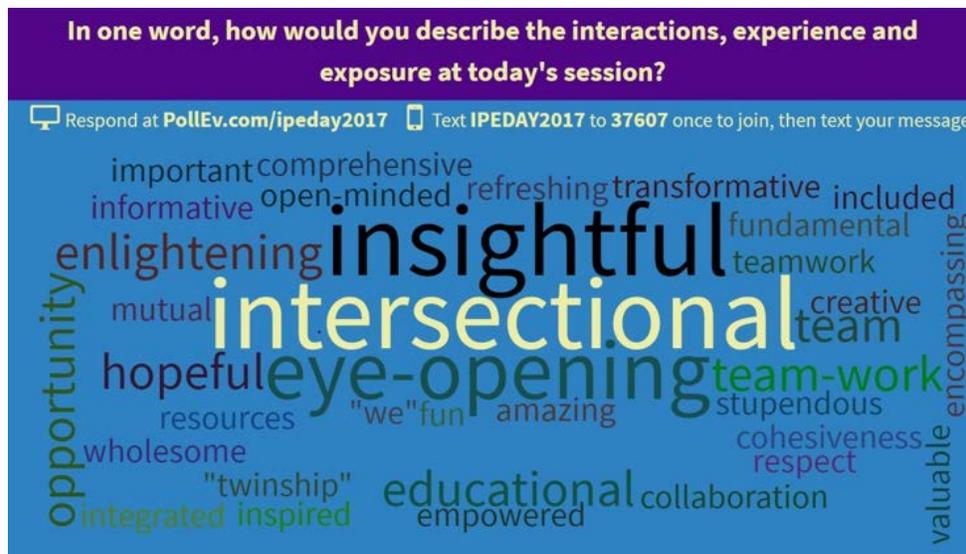
Priorities for next year include:

- potentially increasing capacity to include more professions;
- considering external funding sources and/or an alternate funding model;
- engaging more practitioner facilitators (e.g., social workers and community practitioners);
- potential alignment with other SWAHN working groups.



IPE Day – Windsor venue – CAW Centre, Ambassador Auditorium, University of Windsor.

Student participants expressed their thoughts on IPE Day in Windsor through a “Word Cloud.”



**STANDARDIZING PALLIATIVE CARE ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE EDUCATION & TRAINING**

The Palliative Care Working Group’s goal is to influence and improve consistency in palliative care education/training to health care providers at the entry-to-practice level. It is currently concentrating on developing focus groups by profession to validate its curriculum inventory and to identify gaps as well as recommendations to address the gaps. A research ethics board (REB) proposal is under development to enable the collection and analysis of focus group and survey responses. Focus group discussions will begin with Nursing (RN/RPN) educators and new professionals in practice.

**NUTRITION WORKING GROUP – KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION PILOT PROJECTS**

The Working Group is currently exploring the development of knowledge translation workshops focused on the Canadian Nutrition Screening Tool (CNST) and Subjective Global Assessments (SGA) based on the findings from the Canadian Malnutrition Task Force (CMTF) which indicate that approximately 45% of

patients entering the hospital are malnourished. The first pilot project will involve a class of students at the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy. The students will be oriented to the CNST and how to employ this tool in practice. This will be facilitated by members of SWAHN's Nutrition Working Group.

The second pilot project will engage community pharmacists in a facilitated workshop where they will be trained in the use of the CNST by registered dietitians. A presentation regarding available community resources will follow the training session. An REB submission will be prepared for the evaluation of both projects with an eye to creating models that can be transferred to other professions and locales.

### RESEARCH ETHICS HARMONIZATION

SWAHN's Research Ethics Harmonization Working Group has explored a streamlined process for ethics approvals involving multi-site research studies (clinical/non-clinical). A report has been reviewed which will be presented to SWAHN's Steering Committee for approval/endorsement at its next meeting.

### CHOOSING WISELY KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FORUM

The event, held at Parkwood Institute in London, Ontario on May 12, 2017, highlighted the challenges and achievements experienced by organizations that have launched a "Choosing Wisely Canada" initiative. (For more information on Choosing Wisely Canada, please see:

<http://www.choosingwiselycanada.org/>

Speakers from North York General Hospital (Mr. Deepak Sharma, Director, Health Information, Business Intelligence, & Patient Flow) and St. Michael's Hospital (Dr. Lisa Hicks, Hematologist; Associate Professor, University of Toronto; Associate Scientist, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute; Choosing Wisely Lead; and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Quality Improvement Specialist) shared their Choosing Wisely journeys with the group in the morning. The afternoon session included a panel of speakers from the SWAHN region including two presentations by representatives from Bluewater Health (Dr. Renato Pasqualucci, Chief & Medical Director, Emergency Room; and Mrs. Deirdre Shipley, Manager, Diagnostic Imaging) and one from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences Western (Dr. Salimah Shariff, Manager, Research, Outreach & Education).

The forum's objectives were to:

- encourage knowledge exchange concerning the implementation of Choosing Wisely Canada projects;
- foster networking and collaboration among participants to discuss how the information shared by forum presenters concerning best practices can be translated to organizations in the SWAHN region;
- obtain recommendations for SWAHN's next steps concerning its role in promoting and advancing Choosing Wisely initiatives in the region.

Breakout group discussion points along with participant evaluation results will be transcribed and/or reviewed for inclusion in an event proceedings document that we hope to publish later this year.

**CONTACT US** – Your questions and comments regarding SWAHN. Please feel free to contact us for more information, to share ideas, or to learn about how you may participate in SWAHN's work.

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