

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – JUNE 2018

SWAHN'S NETWORK CONTRIBUTORS' ROUNDTABLE

The inaugural meeting of the Network Contributors' Roundtable (NCR) was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Parkwood Institute in London, Ontario. Leaders from 14 of SWAHN's 19 financial contributors were in attendance. The objectives of the day were to:

- provide an opportunity for SWAHN contributors to network
- engage SWAHN's contributors in knowledge sharing
- review the strategic plan, project progress, and set new project priorities

In follow up to SWAHN's October 2017 conference, presentations focused on welcoming and engaging Indigenous peoples in both hospital and educational environments were offered. The group also received an update on the Changing CARE initiative's progress at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance and St. Joseph's Health Care London. These presentations helped to inform the NCR's discussions and fostered the potential for future collaboration across the SWAHN region.

The Secretariat will meet in June to review the highlights of the NCR event and will bring a draft of future priorities to the fall conference for further discussion at the NCR table. (The NCR's next meeting will be held in tandem with SWAHN's conference in the fall.)

2018 ACTIVITIES

SWAHN's 2018 Conference – Planning for SWAHN's 2018 conference is underway. Please put a hold in your calendars as we have now confirmed the date and location: **Friday, October 12, 2018 – Parkwood Institute, St. Joseph's Health Care London.** Implementation science is our conference theme this year. More details will follow over the summer.

Choosing Wisely – We have two new Co-Chairs who are leading SWAHN's Choosing Wisely Project Team: Dr. Renato Pasqualucci, Medical Director, Emergency, Bluewater Health; and Dr. Blayne Welk, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Urology; Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and St Joseph's Health Care London. Please visit the Project Team page for their photos/biographies here: http://swahn.ca/61/Choosing_Wisely_Project_Team/. Upon review, the Co-Chairs have decided to postpone the next SWAHN Choosing Wisely event until 2019 while they work with the Project Team on the development of a new implementation project for the SWAHN region based on Choosing Wisely Canada's "Opioid Wisely" campaign: <https://choosingwiselycanada.org/campaign/opioid-wisely/>

Nutrition – "Assessing Nutrition Risk in Seniors in the Community Pharmacy" – A Knowledge Translation Workshop – This workshop, held in March 2018 at the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy, was a pilot project developed by SWAHN's Nutrition Project Team. While participation in the workshop was lower than anticipated, several positive outcomes resulted from the experience:

- This project allowed SWAHN to connect with registered dietitians in the community who work in corporate environments. One of the participants indicated after the event that she had taken the screening and assessment tools back to her company to share with her colleagues, including those who work in the company's pharmacy.

- The Project Team developed a model that can be replicated in other locations. The group is currently exploring the possibility of holding a workshop in the Sarnia area.
- Dr. Cynthia Richard, project lead, was invited to present the pilot project and its outcomes at the Waterloo-Wellington Clinical Research & Quality Improvement Symposium on May 30, 2018. This event was hosted by the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, McMaster University - Waterloo Regional Campus. The presentation may be found on SWAHN's website here: <http://swahn.ca/41/Resources/>

In addition to exploring a future workshop focused on nutrition screening and assessment tools, the Project Team is considering a new research project focused on anemia and frailty as well as B12 deficiencies in seniors as elements of malnutrition and the impact upon both pre- and post-elective surgeries.

Interprofessional Education – The IPE Day planning committee engaged the largest group of professions to date at this year's event on March 26th as over 600 students and professionals assembled at venues in both London and Windsor. This fact demonstrates the significant interest and value that this event holds for all of the educational institutions involved.

In London, first-year students from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University and the Schools of Pharmacy and Optometry & Vision Science from the University of Waterloo attended. Students from various years of study also participated representing Western Health Sciences' programs in Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy as well as Social Work from King's University College at Western University. In Windsor, medical students from Schulich's Windsor Campus joined Nursing and Social Work students from the University of Windsor and Pharmacy students from the University of Waterloo.



As in the past, over 50 facilitators helped to guide student breakout groups in their discussions. Many of these professionals have returned each year, taking time away from their academic and clinical work which indicates the importance they place on the event and what it offers to the students.

Once the evaluation forms have been analyzed over the summer months, the results will be shared on SWAHN's website. The planning committee is confident that the results will validate IPE Day's value in terms of helping to ensure that students are exposed to the importance of collaborative decision-making by looking at the themes of communication, role clarification, and patient-centered care through panel presentations, case discussions and interactive exercises.

Plans will soon be underway to develop IPE Day 2019. Additional funding support will be required in the future if the event is expanded to include other professions as we have reached the limit of the existing venues' capacity. Sponsorship opportunities will be explored for the future of this popular event.

Palliative Care – SWAHN's Palliative Care Project Team has new leadership. Lisa Penner, former Co-Chair, has recently moved on from her work with the Hospice Palliative Care Network of the South West Local Health Integration Network. We thank Lisa for her leadership and willingness to help organize and facilitate SWAHN's curriculum inventory project as well as our current research focused on reviewing entry-to-practice level curriculum. These were significant contributions that laid the foundation for SWAHN's future work in palliative care.

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Malbrecht, Director, Complex Care, Parkwood Institute, St. Joseph's Health Care London, as our Project Team's new Co-Chair. Lisa has been an active member of the Project Team since its inception. Her photo and biography can be found on SWAHN's website here: http://swahn.ca/58/Palliative_Care_Project_Team/

Once SWAHN's Palliative Care Project Team's current research proposal is accepted across the Research Ethics Boards in the region, focus groups will be arranged with nursing and practical nursing educators of the University of Windsor, Western University, Fanshawe College, Lambton College and St. Clair College. This will happen in tandem with the release of a survey for recent graduates (2015-2017) from all five institutions.

Note: The goal of this study is to explore gaps/needs in entry-to-practice level education across health care professions in Southwestern Ontario that are engaged in direct service within palliative care environments (starting with nursing/practical nursing). The overall outcome is to better understand the current curriculum and what may be required in order to build expertise in palliative care prior to practice. A strategy to promote changes/additions to various curricula in the future will be developed once the data has been collected and analyzed.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Incorporating elements inspired by more than a 130 years of history, Windsor's Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare unveiled its new corporate look in April 2018. All elements of the community-based hospital's identity are intended to pay homage to the organization's rich local healthcare history. Visit www.hdgh.org to watch exactly what went into the brand refresh, explaining the various elements of its design.



Western's Smart, Healthy Campus (SHC) initiative, led by the Faculty of Health Science (with support from the Faculties of Science and Engineering), presents an inter-faculty and international event on **June 26, 2018** (3:00-5:00p.m., 3M Centre, Rm.3250, Western University). The SHC program aims to enhance resilience in students towards the stresses they experience in academia. With international partners from Bond University (Australia) this program also addresses psychological resilience and mental health in clinical settings. This event will highlight some of the work being performed by these two University groups in the field of mental health. For more information, please contact Dr. Kevin Shoemaker kshoemak@uwo.ca.



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"Integrating Research, Theory, and Practice to Advance Informed Decision-Making in Nursing" is the focus of this year's Great Lakes Biennial Nursing Conference, hosted by the University of Windsor's Faculty of Nursing in partnership with Lambton College and St. Clair College. The event will be held on **Friday, November 2, 2018** (8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.) at Caesars Convention Centre in Windsor, Ontario. The keynote speaker is Milisa Manojlovich, PhD, RN, CCRN, a Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan who will present on "The Next Frontier in Patient Safety: Changing Communication Between Nurses and Physicians." For more information, please see the conference website: <http://www.uwindsor.ca/nursingconference/>

FINAL THOUGHTS

www.swahn.ca – Is your organization involved with SWAHN? If so, is the SWAHN logo and website address currently featured on your organization's website? Help us build awareness of our work together! Please contact Catherine Joyes for SWAHN's logo (catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca).

www.swahn.ca/event – Don't forget to post your organization's events on SWAHN's events page. The Healthline.ca vets all submissions for inclusion on the SWAHN website as well as for posting to the regional Healthline sites as appropriate in the South West and Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network areas. Please contact Catherine Joyes for more information (catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca).

CONTACT US – Your questions and comments regarding SWAHN are welcomed. 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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