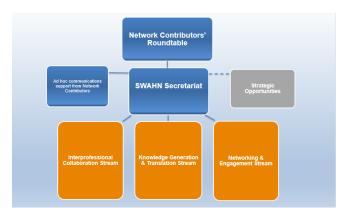
SWA-I SouthWestern Academic Health Network

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2018

SWAHN'S NEW STRUCTURE



found here: http://swahn.ca/75/Governance/

SWAHN entered the new year with its updated structure fully operational. New Terms of Reference have been developed for both the Network Contributors' Roundtable and the Secretariat. Definitions for the Interprofessional Collaboration, Knowledge Generation & Translation, and Networking & Engagement Streams have also been finalized. Finally, updated Terms of Reference are under various stages of review by the Project Teams. SWAHN's website has recently been updated with this information to reflect the new structure. An interactive version of the chart above can be

NETWORK CONTRIBUTORS' ROUNDTABLE

The inaugural meeting of the Network Contributors' Roundtable (NCR) is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Parkwood Institute in London, Ontario. Fulfilling its mandate, the NCR will gather the primary leader from each of the 19 institutions that provide financial contributions to the Network's operations to engage in discussions concerning SWAHN's strategy and priorities for the year ahead. Leaders will also participate in knowledge sharing where they will focus on a topic that resonates across academic, health care, research and community organizations in the region.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all our funders! We are pleased to announce that Chatham Kent Health Alliance has reengaged with SWAHN bringing the Network's health care, academic, research, and community funding contributors to 19 in total. For a complete list of funders, please see: http://swahn.ca/33/Contributors/

2018 ACTIVITIES

"Assessing Nutrition Risk in Seniors in the Community Pharmacy" – A Knowledge Translation Workshop (March 21, 2018) – Developed by SWAHN's Nutrition Project Team, this workshop will take place at the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy. As noted in the previous update, this event will help to increase awareness among community pharmacists concerning the impact of malnutrition and offer ways in which these health professionals can contribute to improving the health of their senior patients through implementing validated nutrition screening tools like the SCREEN II AB. This event will also foster new connections between registered dietitians and pharmacists in Waterloo Region. Dr. Cynthia Richard from the School of Pharmacy has taken the lead on this study. In addition to Dr. Richard, featured speakers at the workshop will include SWAHN Nutrition Project Team Co-Chairs, Dr. Janet Madill (Brescia University College) and Christine Wellington (University of Windsor; VON NPLC, Belle River).

Michele MacDonald Werstuck, Chair of the Dietitians of Canada Ontario Primary Health Care Action Group and an Assistant Professor within the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University has

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also agreed to present, highlighting various malnutrition screening initiatives happening across Ontario in primary care.

Upon the conclusion and analysis of the March workshop, SWAHN's Nutrition Project Team will consider next steps for the advancement of this project. At present, the team is considering how it can study anemia and frailty as well as B12 deficiencies in seniors as elements of malnutrition and the impact upon both pre- and post-elective surgeries.

IPE Day #3 (March 26, 2018) – This year, IPE Day is scheduled to attract close to 700 students and more than 50 volunteer facilitators at two venues. The group in London will include first year students from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the University of Waterloo's Schools of Pharmacy and Optometry & Vision Science. Western University's Faculty of Health Sciences (Nursing, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy) and King's University College's Social Work programs will also engage both undergraduate and graduate students. In Windsor, the student complement will include students from the Schulich Windsor Campus, the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy, University of Windsor Nursing and Social Work, as well as students from the paramedic program at St. Clair College. There is still time to have your name added to the list of facilitators for IPE Day. Please contact Catherine Joyes, if you would like more information on how to participate (catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca).

SWAHN Choosing Wisely event (Fall 2018) – Recruitment for two new Co-Chairs for the Choosing Wisely Project Team is underway. Once established, the Project Team will work towards developing another awareness-building event for the region. Event details will be provided as they are finalized.

SWAHN Conference (October 2018) – Planning for SWAHN's 2018 conference will commence soon.

SWAHN's palliative care research project – The Palliative Care Project Team is currently preparing its REB submission to enable the analysis of focus group discussions involving nursing educators (RNs/RPNs) from five institutions across the SWAHN region. The focus groups will take place in 2018. Surveys for recent graduates will also be released this year. 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. 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.

Dr. Marie Savundranayagam from Western's Faculty of Health Sciences is the primary investigator on this study. Co-investigators include Thelma Riddell (Western University); Dr. Kathy Pfaff (University of Windsor); Kelly Butler (Lambton College); Linda Watson (St. Clair College); Dr. Sandra DeLuca (Fanshawe College); Lisa Penner (South West LHIN); Maura Purdon (Erie St. Clair LHIN); and Catherine Joyes (SWAHN).

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Throughout 2018, the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy is commemorating its 10th anniversary. On January 7, 2008, the School of Pharmacy ran its first class. The School had 90 students, six faculty members, and only a handful of staff. A decade later,

Waterloo Pharmacy has over 60 faculty and staff, 476 pharmacy students, 120 PharmD bridging students, 38 graduate students, and 766 alumni. Dr. David Edwards, Hallman Director of the School, indicates that a 'bold past, bright future' theme "reflects the unique approach we took to pharmacy education when we began and the great things that await us as we continue to be a leader in pharmacy education and medication-related research." For details, please see the 10th anniversary video: https://youtu.be/bnKJX4H5D84



SWAHN welcomes Dr. Paul Woods to the Network Contributors' Roundtable in his new role as President & CEO of London Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Woods' bio can be found on SWAHN's website: http://swahn.ca/74/Network_Contributors_Roundtable/

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Ontario Palliative Care Network

SWAHN is a participant on a Provincial Education Steering Committee that has been established to fulfill an action item ("Building Provider Competencies in Palliative Care") of the Ontario Palliative Care Network's Action Plan. The Steering Committee has recommended leveraging the Nova Scotia Framework,

adapting it for Ontario. This aligns with the national direction, and is consistent with the provincial direction for palliative care education. Adapting the framework, will involve engaging with the health professional associations and colleges representing the disciplines included in the document to review and validate the competencies. Once completed, this document will guide health professionals in terms of employment standards, educational programming, and other training needs. For more information on the OPCN, please see: https://www.ontariopalliativecarenetwork.ca







The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is celebrating a decade of medical education excellence at its Windsor Campus in 2018. The

success of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Windsor Campus is as a result of dedicated university partners – Western University and the University of Windsor, a willing community who has embraced the Campus from its inception, and a dedicated faculty and staff team. Graduates from the undergraduate and residency programs continue to return to the Windsor community to join the health care teams in hospitals and clinics, as well as the faculty at the School to continue educating the next generation of physicians.



Congratulations to Zachary Singer, a fourth-year medical student from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, on the recent publication of his report "Interprofessional Education Day – An Evaluation of an Introductory Experience for First-Year Students" in the *Journal of Interprofessional Care*. This article focuses on SWAHN's first IPE Day held the spring of 2016. It may be downloaded here: http://swahn.ca/41/Resources/



Construction of the NOVA Chemicals Health & Research Centre, a 60,000 square foot facility, is underway at Lambton College. "The planned facility will support advances in simulation technology for training purposes, inter-

professional education and health-related research opportunities." For more information, please see: https://tinyurl.com/yamygdyo

FINAL THOUGHTS

<u>www.swahn.ca</u> – 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).

<u>www.swahn.ca/event</u> – 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 (<u>catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca</u>).

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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