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Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions in the Toronto Central LHIN

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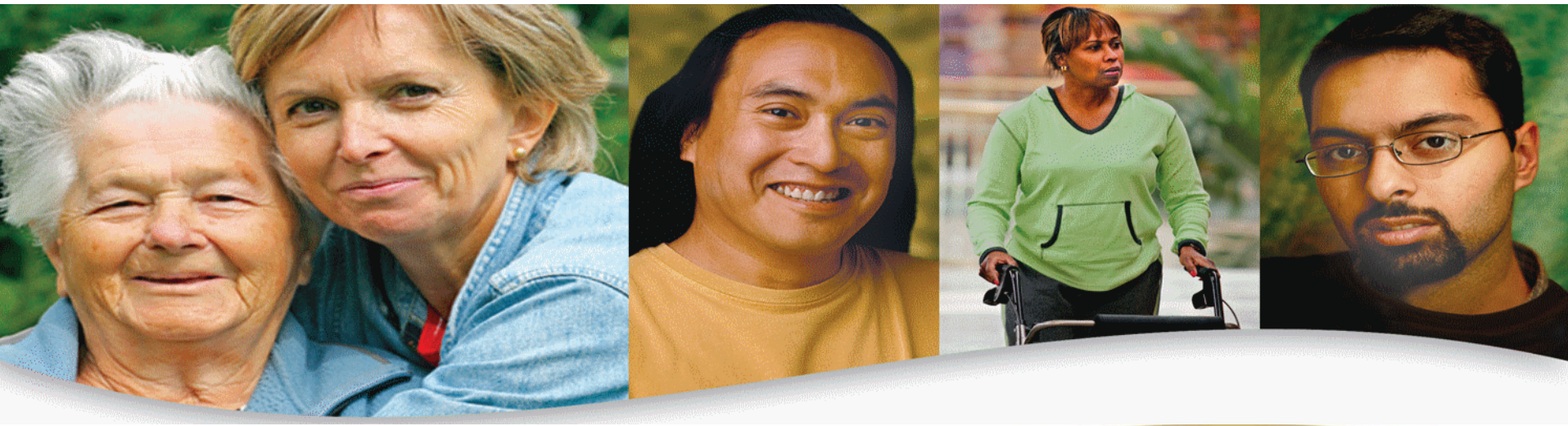

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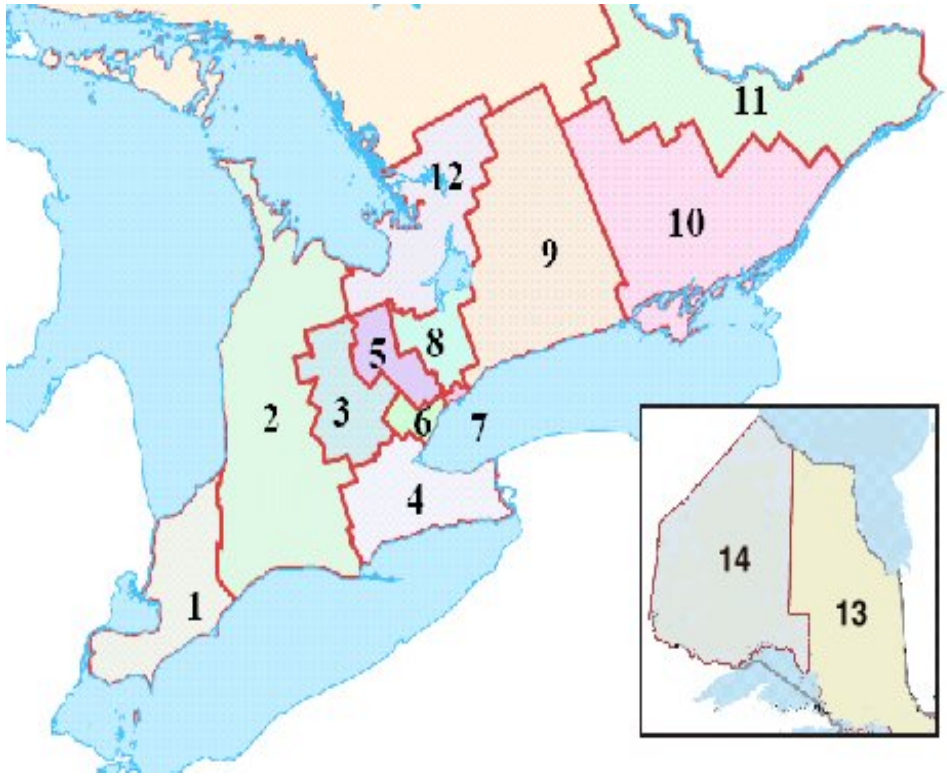
Our Vision

“A health care system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care when they need it, and will be there for their children and grandchildren.”

The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care

What are LHINs?

- 14 not-for-profit agencies
- Health Integration Act
- Report to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care
- Appointed boards



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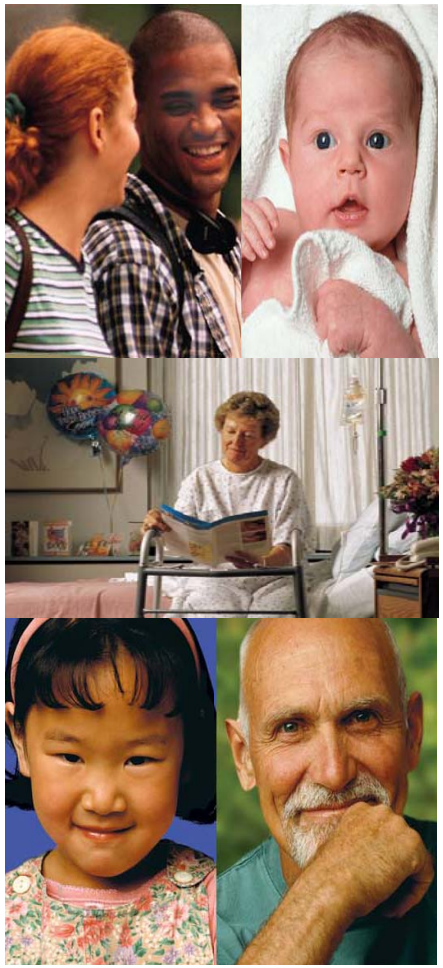
Which providers are part of the LHINs' mandate?

- Hospitals
- Long term care facilities
- Community Health Centres
- Community mental health and addictions agencies
- Community Care Access Centres
- Community support agencies

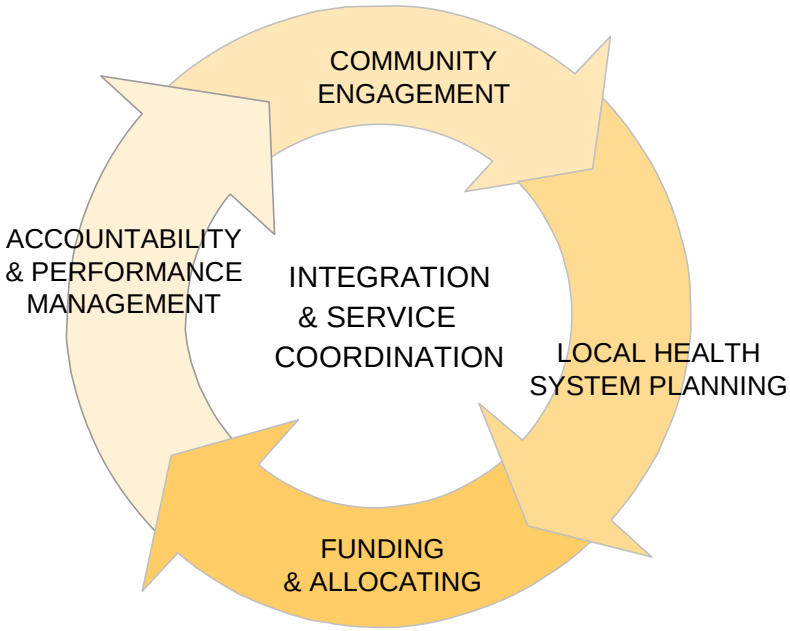
What will LHINs do?



- Improve access to health services
- Find new and better ways of doing things
- Involve the local community -- to understand local needs and establish local priorities
- Make it easier for people to move through the system
- Break down barriers to healthcare providers working together

Achieving an integrated system

- Achieving integration goals will depend on the ability to foster a culture that supports the LHINs' role as leaders of integration and coordination at the local level.



Integration outcomes:

- **Seamless experience** for user, where boundaries between organizations are minimized.
- **Improved match** between single services provided and the multiple needs of clients and families.
- **Effective and efficient** use of system resources and capacity.

What will be different in our health care system?

- Priorities and future direction for local health care
  - Planning for unique local characteristics
  - Cutting across silos to identify integration opportunities
- Local decision making
  - Responsiveness to input from local residents
- Increased provider accountability
  - Active involvement of local service providers with shared accountability for outcomes

Approach for LHINs – *a new way of thinking*

- Social Determinants model
- Leads to new ways of planning, funding, delivering and evaluating health services
  - Brings issues like care for Seniors and Mental Health & Addictions to top of agenda
  - Involves effective strategy development between multiple ministries and community leaders

What's happening in the Toronto Central LHIN?

- Community meetings - completed

- Action Planning Days
- Developing our first 3-year Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP) – due Fall 2006

How are we engaging our community?

- Community Engagement Strategy developed
- More than consultation – focus on moving forward and taking action with our community
- Initial Integration Priority Work undertaken

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Community Engagement

June Action Planning Days

June 9 -- Rehabilitation

June 19 -- Seniors

June 23 -- Mental Health & Addictions

- Pre-engagement for seniors and mental health & addictions consumers

- 13% of Toronto Central LHIN
- 34% living alone
- 15% no knowledge of English or French
- 26% low income
- 66% of seniors age 75+ have an activity limitation

Senior's Population Diversity in the Toronto Central LHIN

Integrated Health Services Plan

- Mental Health & Addictions
- Rehabilitation
- Seniors Care
- E-Health
- Wait times strategy
- Research and Academics
- Health Human Resources
- Energy Conservation

Integrated Health Services Plan

- Plan will include:
  - Provincial Context
  - LHIN Local Vision
  - Environmental Scan
  - LHIN Priorities for Change
  - Current Activities
  - Action Plans
  - Appendices

Assumptions for Planning

- Recognize health is affected by social and economic conditions
- Transitional year
- Consistency across the 14 LHINs
- Build on existing planning work and voluntary integration opportunities

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