South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Activities**

The Collaboratives received education on Health Links at the July/August Collaborative meetings in order to begin building the link between Hospice Palliative Care and Health Links. A coordinated care planning model will be utilized to facilitate early identification of individuals in need of palliative care planning. The HPC Network Website Summary report was shared with the Collaboratives identifying a 55% increase in use of the website since October 2014. The website will be updated in the fall and the Collaborative members were encouraged to provide feedback on additions/changes to the website by September 1st.

The region continues to look at early identification strategies, use of the Surprise Question, SPICT tool and Gold Standard Framework as a key strategy to identify those in need of palliative care in the South West. Pilot projects have been established in both acute care and long term care across the region.

**HPC Regional Activities**

**HPC Data and Performance Working Group**

The Data and Performance Working Group continued to meet over the summer to finalize the dashboard. The dashboard identifies key indicators according to sector and will be brought to the Collaborative tables for review in September and presented to the HPC Leadership Committee on September 24th.

**Capacity Planning Project**

The draft Capacity Planning report and executive summary including the critical path was presented to the Collaboratives. The data and methodology contained in the report was well received by the 5 Collaborative tables. Local discussion took place at each of the Collaborative tables to understand how their the local data compared to the provincial benchmarks Local feedback and potential recommendations will be brought back to the HPC Leadership Committee in September from each Collaborative table for review. The report will be released for sharing after the September 24th  HPC Leadership meeting.

**Aboriginal Perspective in Hospice Palliative Care**

The subcommittee reviewed the current HPC communication plan and updated to include an aboriginal perspective in palliative care in to the plan. The finalized report to come back to the HPC Leadership Committee in September.