South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Update

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**HPC Collaborative Activities**

Education on palliative care for homeless individuals was provided at the London Middlesex Collaborative by Dr. Oudshoorn and the link was shared with the other 4 Collaboratives. His work supports the marginalized population identified in the HEIA (Health Equity Impact Assessment) report and provided a base for how the Collaboratives begin to identify the palliative needs of homeless individuals and build a system with processes to support this population.

Members of the Huron Perth Collaborative hosted an information session for the Huron Community to gain insight in to the palliative needs in Huron County and to support a collaborative partnership between Huron and Perth. The event was a success with over 100 community members present and several volunteers came forward to be part of the collaborative work.

**Advanced Care Planning Challenge**

Members of the 5 Collaboratives, the Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee and the South West LHIN employees rose to the challenge of learning about advanced care planning and the Speak Up National Program. The goal of the challenge is to complete your own advanced care plan in order to gain understanding of the need to have a plan in place and what legal documents must be completed. The hope is that the information will be disseminated throughout their organizations and providers will complete their own advanced care plan. The results of the Advanced Care Planning Challenge will be released at the end of April.

**HPC Regional Activities**

**Education Resources and Annual Plan Review**

The Education Subcommittee brought forward a palliative care education needs assessment to the March HPC Leadership Committee for final approval to be sent out to providers in April. A comparison from the 2009 results and the 2015 results will be completed.

**Capacity Planning**

The work of the Capacity Planning Subcommittee was reviewed at the South West LHIN HPC Leadership Committee meeting in March. An overview of the methodology and approach was highlighted. Results of the methodology across the region and recommendations will be prepared for the May HPC Palliative Care Leadership Committee meeting.

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