

Toronto Central LHIN Mental Health and Addictions Steering Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The TC LHIN Mental Health and Addictions Steering Committee, with the support of LHIN staff, will:

- Provide strategic advice to guide TC LHIN short and long-term planning,
- Ensure that longer term system changes consider, engage and are informed by consumers, families and providers,
- Help inform local implementation of the provincial ER/ALC strategy,
- Facilitate knowledge exchange among the Committee members, LHIN staff, and other stakeholders,

Term

The Mental Health and Addictions Steering Committee will exist for the length of time that Mental Health and Addictions is a focus area for the TC LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan as determined by the TC LHIN Board.

Membership

The Mental Health and Addictions Steering Committee is a multi-sectoral, group whose composition will reflect a diversity of perspectives, skills and expertise within the Mental Health and Addictions communities across the GTA. The membership will be limited to 15 members.

The membership will include representation from the following:

- Community Mental Health agencies
- Addictions service providers
- Specialized Mental Health and Addictions service providers
- Hospital inpatient and/ or outpatient MHA services
- Family Health Teams
- Consumer/ Survivor Initiatives
- Family initiatives or networks
- Primary care physicians
- Toronto Public Health
- Research community
- Community Support Service agencies
- Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre
- Community Health Centres
- Long-term Care Homes

- Justice system

In order to ensure continuity and knowledge transfer, the new Steering Committee will include individuals who were members of the previous TC LHIN Mental Health and Addictions Council. Membership is for a period of 2 years from selection with the option to renew for an additional 2 year term.

Leadership

The Toronto Central LHIN will appoint Co-Chairs to the Steering Committee on an annual basis. The LHIN will seek to ensure that the hospital/specialized MHA services and community mental health services are represented in balance in the Co-Chair positions.

Accountability

The Steering Committee is accountable to the Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Central LHIN and will provide advice as required to the Toronto Central LHIN Senior Team through the Director of Program Development on the Toronto Central LHIN Mental Health and Addictions program.

Meetings

Meetings will be held four times per year, based on the advice required on key TC LHIN initiatives, and will be supported by Toronto Central LHIN staff.