

Program Description and Core Functions	The Women and Children's Health Network Central Region North is committed to ensuring equitable and integrated access to excellent health care for all women and children across the region. The Network accomplishes this by facilitating meaningful and innovative health care through inclusive collaboration. The Network aims to achieve quality improvement and better outcomes for the communities served through innovative projects and initatives to address local and regional health service gaps. There is a keen focus on education, training, implementation of best practices, standardization, and care pathways that assist community members and care providers to navigate and access the health care system. The Network prides itself in developing purposeful community connections with families, community agencies, hospitals, health service providers, the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health Central, Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health (PCMCH), Better Outcomes Registry and Network (BORN), the Regional Networks Operations Forum (RNOF) and others. The Network includes a growing and valued team of Patient and Family Advisors who help to achieve our Network's goals and objectives. Core Functions : Local Gap Analysis and Planning, Executing Improvements to Care, Connecting/Coordinating Providers, Informing/Providing Input to Provincial Entities				
2023-24 MOHLTC Activities		Women and Children's Health Network - Central Region North			
Key Priority	Description of Activities	Activities by Quarter	Deliverables/Outcomes		
Network Specific Prio	rities				
Strategic plan, brand, new name implementation	Dissemination and communication of new strategic plan	 Q1- Spring Network Forum - strategic plan launch Q2- Communicate and socialize new strategic plan and brand, explore community event opportunities Q3- Celebrate, acknowledge, recognize and evaluate Q4- Plan for next fiscal with new vision, mission, shared purpose, strategic pillars and values guiding work 	WCH Network Strategic Plan 2023-2026		
Local Gap Analysis an	d Planning				
Service and Resource Accessibility - Pregnancy Complications and Loss (Women's Health Working Group)	Midwifery-Led Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic (funding dependent).	 Q1- Pregnancy Loss and Complications Task Force continual action to address gaps, Expanded Midwifery Care Model (EMCM - funding dependent: Job postings and initiate recruitment of positions; explore location options Q2- Finalize quality assurance plan; MOU development (MPGs, OSMH); central intake development Q3- Secure clinic locations in Barrie and Orillia; purchase equipment; begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- Launch new clinic; evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25 NOTE: If funding not attained, work to pivot to advocacy for additional funding streams (EMCM proposal submitted Sept. 30 2022 - MOH/AOM) 	New Pregnancy Loss and Complications Clinic		
Service and Resource Accessibility - Eating Disorders (ED) (Child- Youth Working Group)	New service planning	Q1-4- Continued support for Simcoe Muskoka Regional Eating Disorders Project/new program under development and Eating Disorders Ontario initiatives inclusive of EDO – Prevention Q4- Evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25	New Young Adult Outpatient Eating Disorders Program (RVH/OSMH)		

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Service and Resource Accessibility - Perinatal Mental Health (Birthing Families Working Group)	Advocacy; Support; Technology advancements	 Q1- Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) advocacy, support walk/events, explore and profile any new services/resources, explore peer support options, including new peer support for region/partnership with Life with a Baby peer support network and existent programs Q2- explore options for resource, service and information dissemination i.e create social media presence/public facing website, advocacy for PMH program expansion; benchmarking program Q3 - work on implementing solutions to enhance service/resource access, i.e. visit back to basics (for families and staff), what to expect, pelvic physio, begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25 	Peer support coordination; Resource/service hub
Service and Resource Accessibility - Mental Health (Child-Youth Working Group)	Improve access to local and regional care (crisis assessments); advocacy	Q1-4- Establishment of Child and Youth Mental Health Task Force with focus specific to June 2022 regional meeting outcomes: standardization of crisis assessments for children and youth in EDs, explore equitable access to crisis services (system planning and advocacy), streamline ED crisis referral process, gathering of outstanding data/metrics and determine additional resourcing needed, develop proposal(s) as required, develop work plan under task force leadership (work will require additional membership outside of existent working group participants i.e. CY MH crisis teams, regional program leadership) Q4- Evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25	Standardized Child and Youth MH Crisis Assessments
Service and Resource Accessibility - Cervical Screening and Contraception Care (Women's Health Working Group)	Improve access to cervical cancer screening and prevention; contraception	Q1- Data and gap analysis, current state review in partnership with SMDHU Q2- Advocacy and proposal writing, collaborate with OHTs for funding allocation opportunities, explore innovative opportunities to increase service Q3-4- Increase service access (funding dependent), evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, begin 2024/25 work planning finalize plan for 2024/25	TBD
Executing Improveme	nts to Care		
Service and Resource Accessibility; Knowledge Translation - PCMCH Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) Care Pathway (Birthing Families Working Group)	Best practice implementation	 Q1- Establishment of PMH Task Force initiated in Q4 22/23, develop and finalize Task Force workplan Q2- Increase awareness to who is providing services, eReferral or info hub? (i.e. regional PMD Coordinator, SMDHU, Bria, walk in counselling i.e. Chigamik Tuesdays, support groups, others) Q3- Work on implementing solutions to enhance PMH service/resource access; additional training and plan for the Canadian Perinatal Mental Health Teachings (CPMHT) modules in centralized location; begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- Evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalized plan for 2024/25 	PMH Task Force
Knowledge Translation; Supportive and Inclusive Connections (Women's Health Working Group)	Collaboration, education and advocacy	Q1- Spring regional Network forum Q2- Support regional activities to raise community awareness in primary care related to pregnancy and infant loss (Bridget's Bunnies and Hospice Simcoe resource); enhance and standardize education for regional providers; local resources to be made available for communities (resource library) Q3- Participate in October's pregnancy and infant loss awareness month; Evaluate roll out of PregnancyED resources provided to EDs in Winter 2022; begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- Evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25	Spring Forum; Muskoka Lending Library (pregnancy loss and complications)

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Service and Resource Accessibility - Medical and Therapeutic Management of Pregnancy (Women's Health Working Group)	Improve access to local and regional care and information for women in need of this service	Q1- Pharmacy education and resource provision; education support for clinical teams for abortion care services; support Muskoka/BCFHT/SMDHU Ocean eReferral pilots; explore surgical abortion care pathway and opportunities to streamline care Q2- Evaluate pilot; follow up on Q1 actions and support organizations with next steps planning Q3- Spread eReferral to additional subregions with lessons learned integrated; ongoing assessment of central intake opportunities (implementation once resource secured) Q4- Evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25	Abortion education for pharmacies; eReferral for abortion care; Development of regional surgical pathway for abortion care
Knowledge Translation; Supportive and Inclusive Connections (Birthing Families Working Group)	Education; Utility of regional partners to support; PCMCH Oxytocin Toolkit	 Q1- Spring Regional Network Forum, MoreOB: exploration of experiences and sharing of work in progress/complete, support rollout of HIROC grant work (Oxytocin toolkit) Q2- Continue to foster level 1/level 2 obstetrics mentorship and support (inclusive of OB orientation), advocacy for additional education support Q3- Foundational courses to be made readily accessible for registration (in one location), begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- Explore additional education opportunities and spread across region; evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25 	Spring Forum; Education hub
Knowledge Translation; Supportive and Inclusive Connections (Child-Youth Working Group)	Education; Utility of regional partners to support	 Q1- Spring regional Network forum, exploration of Kids Health Alliance/Connected Care (SickKids) to support regional paeds training needs/additional infrastructure to support regional education Q2- Continue to foster level 1/level 2 paediatrics mentorship and support, advocacy for additional education support resources, explore option to add ACoRN instructor team for region, paediatric education passport development Q3- Foundational courses to be made readily accessible for registration (in one location), begin 2024/25 work planning, finalize and roll out paediatric education passport Q4- Explore additional education opportunities and spread across region; evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalize plan for 2024/25 	Spring Forum; Education Hub
Service and Resource Accessibility; Family- Centred birthing (Birthing Families Working Group)		Q1- Brainstorm ideas for enhancements to family-centred birthing clinical priority, examples: birthing and follow-up experience - clear drapes for ORs, explore option of transitioning baby straight to mom from surgeon, pt positioning, epidural effectiveness, improvement recommendations for 6-week PP follow up, spousal support actions/initiatives Q2- Develop plan for focused activities based on brainstorming outcome and best practices Q3- Evaluation of newborn passport (staff, credentialed staff, families) implemented in Q3 2022/23; modify according to feedback and begin 2024/25 work planning Q4- evaluate Q1-Q4 activities, finalized plan for 2024/25	Patient and family experience outcomes/ deliverables TBD
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Service and Resource Accessibility; Supportive and Inclusive Connections - Central repositories for information sharing (all Working Groups)	Information dissemination	Q1-3 Explore options for resource, service and information dissemination i.e create social media presence/public facing website; funding advocacy for central hub, explore utility of Ocean eReferral (abortion care) Q4- Evaluate website, Network newsletters for information sharing	Website, newsletters, Ocean eReferral

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Informing/Providing Input to Provincial Entities						
Ongoing Network Priority: Network attendance and participation in PCMCH Maternal Newborn and Child and Youth Committees, RNOF, BORN Dashboard Subcommittee, others as needed; Advocacy work						